CREATING A **BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR BLIND AND MULTI-DISABLED CHILDREN**

Directors' Report & Accounts **2017**

ChildVision
National Education Centre for Blind Children

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF CHILDVISION

ChildVision was established to provide care and education for children and adults who are visually impaired, through comprehensive and high quality services provided within a Christian ethos.

ChildVision is a registered charity and operates as a not-for-profit organisation in partnership with the Health Service Executive and the Department of Education & Skills.

The national services we provide in our Centre for multiple disabled and visually impaired (MDVI) children and young people include pre-school and early intervention services, family resource services, primary and secondary schooling supports, vocational training, residential services, therapy services, nursing and ophthalmic services, professional training, a National Braille Production service and a children's library.

1.1 The Vision

Our vision is to provide a supportive and inclusive learning community where disability does not create a barrier to the fulfilment of aspiration or ambition.

1.2 The Mission

The framework within which we provide services is based on the founding ethos of Antonio Rosmini,[1] who emphasised the importance of developing the whole person. We are committed to human equality, dignity, diversity and mutual respect. Within a culture that places value on learning and research, our Centre encourages all staff to advance their professional development and to reflect critically upon their practice. Decision making is accountable and transparent, based upon a belief that it is most effective when all relevant persons are consulted on issues that impact on the day-to-day running of our Centre. In how we plan for and carry out our interactions with children and young people we demonstrate sensitivity, integrity and concern for their personal safety and well-being, and emphasise each person's unique attributes. Our Centre values the contribution that parents/guardians and our external partners make to maintaining high quality services, and our staff work with compassion and sincerity to nurture and sustain these important relationships. Our values permeate all aspects of our Centre's work, and we seek to build and sustain an enduring culture of friendliness, compassion, reflection and innovation.

1.3 ChildVision's Focus and Objectives

The focus of ChildVision's work is to advance the education and care of children and adults with visual impairments and/or multiple disabilities, throughout Ireland and within a Christian ethos; and to provide specialist education and training to professionals and parents working or living with people with visual impairments and/or multiple disabilities. This focus is represented by the following seven detailed objectives.

Objective 1. To provide pre-school and early intervention services

Objective 2. To provide primary and secondary education supports, including a special curriculum for pupils with a visual impairment

Objective 3. To provide assessment and therapies, including occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, mobility training and nursing

Objective 4. To provide lifelong learning to meet the particular needs of young adults with a visual impairment

Objective 5. To provide residential services

Objective 6. To create educational aids and technologies including formats in Braille, large print and digital formats; to produce textbooks in Braille, large print, and alternative formats (for primary and secondary level students)

Objective 7. To offer training and development opportunities for those who are visually impaired, and for those working with the visually impaired.

1 Antonio Rosmini 1797–1855, founder of the Institute of Charity.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

2.1 Legal status

ChildVision is a public benefit entity, and was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 21 February 2008. ChildVision provides educational opportunities for Ireland's blind and partially sighted children and young adults in a safe and nurturing environment.

Through varied education programmes, our highly trained and committed staff ensure that all students are treated as individuals and brought on their own individual journey of learning so that they can become independent, happy and resourceful members of their communities.

ChildVision is the registered company name and is recognised as a charity by the Revenue Commissioners.

Company number	453711
Registered Charity Number	CHY 817
Charity Number (charity Regulatory Authority)	20001278
How the charity is governed	Constitution

2.2 Governance

ChildVision has seven company members, who are nominated by the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) and are responsible for appointing a Board of Directors. The members meet annually to receive and consider the annual report and audited financial statements of ChildVision. Other meetings take place as required.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the affairs of ChildVision and reports to the members of the company. The objective of the Board of Directors is to ensure that ChildVision serves the needs of children who attend our service. Each director may serve up to two consecutive terms of three years. Board members undergo an induction programme to ensure that collectively they have the overview necessary for the proper governance of the organisation. Further training for board members is arranged as and when required. The current membership of the Board is set out on page 2. ChildVision's directors bring to the organisation a variety of experience in areas such as education, health, social care, business, legal matters and finance, including directors who are ex-students of the organisation.

Subcommittees of the Board

The Board of Directors has three subcommittees.

The Finance and Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for all matters relating to the financial affairs of ChildVision and provides the Board with an independent review of the budgetary process. Its defined responsibilities include:

- Monitoring and reviewing the accuracy and integrity of ChildVision's financial statements (annual and monthly), and reviewing operational and capital budgets prior to approval by the Board of Directors
- Assisting the Board in areas relating to strategic financial planning
- Ensuring that effective systems, financial controls and procedures are in place and that proper records are maintained – the Committee is responsible for overseeing both internal and external audits.

Governance and Nominations Committee

The Governance and Nominations Committee takes the lead role in shaping the governance of ChildVision. It provides a review of the organisation's legal and regulatory responsibilities, ensures oversight of policies and procedures, and is responsible for Board recruitment and training. The Committee's core responsibilities are:

- Managing ChildVision's Governance Policy – which entails monitoring the integrity of the statements of compliance with the Code of Practice for Good Governance of Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations and other such codes of practice required by legislation and regulatory authorities

- Reviewing the adequacy of the internal governance controls and risk management systems – in particular those relating to governance matters.

Development Committee

The primary responsibility of the Development Committee is facilities management – to ensure the provision of suitable premises/location for the children who avail of the services at ChildVision. The Committee meets on an ad hoc basis.

Child Protection

ChildVision has a comprehensive child/vulnerable adult protection policy and is committed to protecting the rights and dignity of children and young adults, in particular those who avail of our services in whatever capacity. The key principle is that the welfare of the child is paramount, meaning that a culture of listening to young people and a culture of respect and vigilance are central to how we work. We underpin this by ensuring that appropriate training policies and reporting procedures are in place to address any complaints, concerns and allegations that arise.

All staff who work directly with young people receive Children First training.[2] In addition, in conformity with HSE guidance,[3] ChildVision has designed and implemented its own in-house training specific to the protection needs of visually impaired young people, including the needs of those with additional disabilities. There is a designated liaison person for child protection/vulnerable adult protection and a designated deputy liaison person operating at senior management level to ensure compliance with the State's reporting requirements in respect of any concerns for the protection or welfare of a child or vulnerable adult. In addition, young people in ChildVision's residential service have access to an external monitor in case any issue or complaint arises that they do not wish to bring directly to the attention of ChildVision staff.

Overall accountability for ensuring that ChildVision is implementing appropriate child protection and safeguarding measures lies with the Board of Directors, who ensure that organisational policies and procedures are in place and are in line with national guidelines. ChildVision's CEO and senior management team are responsible for ensuring that the policies and procedures are promulgated and implemented in an open, accessible manner, that they are regularly reviewed and updated as required, and that training in this area remains current for all staff.

2.3 Compliance Statement

The Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland.

ChildVision is fully compliant with The Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland.

In 2015, ChildVision signed up to The Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising developed by the Irish Charities Tax Research group. For more information, see www.ictr.ie/content/fundraising-codes-practice.

ChildVision is a registered provider of disability service under the purview of HIQA. We operate in compliance with the Health Act 2007 (Care and Support of Residents in Designated Centres for Persons with Disabilities Regulations 2013). The Centre's IDs are 0002091, 0002092, 0002093, 0002094 and 0002095.

3. ACTIVITY DURING 2017

ChildVision is recognised through Europe as a leading centre of excellence in the care and habilitation of blind and multi-disabled children and young people. From its main campus in Dublin and satellite centre in Cork, it is a resource to all families throughout Ireland who have a child with a visual impairment and multiple disabilities.

In less than ten years, the percentage of children attending ChildVision who have *a visual impairment only* has gone from 80 per cent to 20 per cent; and conversely, the percentage of those

2 This is training based on *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children*, published by the Department of Children & Youth Affairs (2011).

3 *See Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse*, published by the HSE (2014).

who have *a visual impairment and additional needs* has gone from 20 per cent to 80 per cent, far exceeding what was what was anticipated in our 1999 National Resource Centre Report.

Radical change and ongoing development to our established knowledge, skills and practice have been required to make ChildVision's services relevant to the growing number of children who are MDVI (Multi-Disabled with a Visual Impairment) with complex needs. We have made significant changes to what we do and how we do it.

Throughout 2017 training continued across all departments to ensure we are upskilled across the board for all the children and young people in our care. We also continue to look to the future and anticipate the changes coming our way.

ChildVision provides the National Assessment Service for all children diagnosed with a visual impairment in Ireland. Our clinical team work with primary care teams and specialist teachers around the country to ensure the best care and supports are offered to each child in their local environment.

Braille, large print and DAISY files, produced by ChildVision, further support these children to remain in their home and locality and attend their local schools.

The campus is open to the public and with its coffee shops, garden centre, equine and animal petting farm, it provides a rich and safe setting for our orientation and mobility teachers to carry out their sessions.

The staff at ChildVision are active in many areas of R&D and host many peer-to-peer training days throughout the year. In 2017, ChildVision hosted the International Mobility Conference, for O&M practitioners from all over the world. In 2020, ChildVision, along with Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, National Council for the Blind and Fighting Blindness will host Vision 2020 in the Convention Centre in Dublin, attracting over 1,200 ophthalmologists from all over the world to Dublin.

The most important work we do is applying our specialist knowledge to reach inside the complex world of a child who is multiple disabled and visually impaired (MDVI) and come up with new

and creative ways of intervening with therapies which will stimulate and progress the child who cannot follow an adapted curriculum.

3.1 Early Years Service

In 2017, 40 children (from a few months old to six years) attended our Early Years' Service, availing of some of a total of over 600 sessions in the year. As in previous years, their conditions were very wide ranging both in the level of their vision and for some children in the level of their additional disabilities.

Our pre-school population this year included twelve children (aged up to two and a half years) in our Early Intervention Programme. Of these, one child had a visual impairment only and eleven had complex needs. In the Montessori, there were fifteen children with a wide variety of visual impairments and eight with additional disabilities. In our pre-school room, we had eight children, all with complex needs. So overall, more and more children with complex needs avail of the service with the figures increasing each year (currently 85 per cent). The increase in places in our early intervention programme in particular has given rise to plans to re-name our pre-school the Early Years' Service.

As part of the week for children who attend the daily pre-school a respite day was also offered allowing the children and parents to have an extended day. This was taken up by a quarter of families.

We also had five children availing of afternoon sessions. As part of our continuing integration programme, four children from the pre-school attended the Learning Tree, the integrated mainstream childcare facility on campus. Although we cater for an increasingly complex group, specific staff training was made available to all pre-school staff as follows.

Some of this was in response to the new childcare standards set out by Tusla and the Department of Education and Skills.

- Level 5 and Level 6 Early Childhood Care and Education (one staff member each)
- Children First training specific to Early Years (All staff)
- MAPA Training (All staff)
- First Aid Training (refreshers)
- Coordinator completing Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) with Dr Christine Roman (Perkins School for the Blind)
- Coordinator attending Paediatric Acquired Brain Injury Education Seminar in association with the National Rehabilitation Hospital
- Coordinator completed the training programme on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion in the Early Years run by AIM[4], with plans to send more staff members in 2017/18
- 'Train the Trainers – Cerebral Visual Impairment', workshop organised by ChildVision in association with TEACH CVI (two staff)
- Coordinator completed Supervision training for Supervisors run in ChildVision by Barnardos
- Coordinator presented at the IMC 16 conference
- Coordinator completed the University of Limerick's LINC (Leadership for inclusion in the early years) programme assessments.

4 The Better Start Access and Inclusion Model is a model of supports designed to ensure that children with disabilities can access the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme.

Forty-six children (up to six years old) were assessed between September 2016 and June 2017 – roughly one a week, with additional functional visual assessments being scheduled where needed. The usual waiting time, from the moment we receive a referral until the assessment takes place is eight to nine months. As well as referrals from hospitals, Early Interventions Teams and other services, families continue to contact us directly for information and advice. Such families may not end up using our services, but we do make ourselves available to provide advice an ongoing support to families who need it. In addition to reaching out to families through assessments and the daily pre-school service, the pre-school staff provided telephone and outreach support on request to families, as well as through other services and primary schools, bringing the total of families helped to between 180 and 200.

Graduation and Events

Thirteen children graduated from pre-school in 2017 with three children transitioning to St Joseph's Primary School.

The annual pre-school weekend in Leitrim was oversubscribed in 2017 and very well received by all families. The ChildVision Parents' night was well attended by pre-school families, as was our graduation ceremony and the much loved pre-school Christmas party.

We look forward to continuing our work in supporting families during the very difficult first steps in their lives with a child with a visual impairment.

Cork

Our pre-school increased in size from ten children attending in 2016 to nineteen attending in 2017. Of these nineteen children, fifteen were new enrolments. The children range in age from two and a half years to four. The children attending the pre-school have a wide variety of additional needs including visual impairment, speech and language delay, autism, cerebral palsy and Down Syndrome.

In 2017, an afternoon session was introduced and also the Parent and Toddler group continued two mornings a week.

The pre-school in Cork facilitated student placements from local colleges and welcomed a second group of students from the University of Münster in Germany.

New referrals were received every two weeks for functional vision assessment. During 2017, 21 children were on our books for one-to-one vision support work.

Education and outreach played a key role during the year. Two of our staff gave presentations to various other services in the region, including the regional group of paediatric occupational therapists and a separate group of paediatric physiotherapists. A number of pre-school and primary school visits were made to schools where VI (Visual Impairment) students attend to give a presentation on the impact of VI on learning in the school environment. We were also asked by one primary school to adapt a playground to make it as safe as possible for a VI student.

Staff have attended the following training:

- One staff member attended MAPA training
- Two staff members completed First Aid training
- One staff member attended Supporting Speech & Language Skills in Educational Setting
- One staff member commenced LINC training (Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years).

Fun events for the ChildVision Cork 2017 included the 'Towers and Tales' festival in Lismore Castle in Waterford (where we introduced reading Braille and cane skills to the visual world), our Easter camp, summer camps and our Christmas Party.

3.2 Family Resource

The role of the Family Resource is to develop, plan and organise an events calendar and evaluate its activities in accordance with the needs of all participating families on its national database.

Our Family Resource is particularly helpful to families who are new to our service, as it helps them make a connection with ChildVision and build a network with other families, which can provide a lifetime of support.

In 2017, we had 41 activities including one-day conferences, themed Saturdays, residential weekends, workshops and Space camp. Although the children and young people with a visual impairment both on campus and nationwide continue to be centre-stage, the local community also participate actively.

Attendance at events such as Easter camps and summer camps at ChildVision Cork continued to expand and grow. Professional training days from visiting presenters were also popular at our Cork centre.

As part of the calendar of events, our therapy team (including the psychologist at ChildVision) hosted a number of open days and training events which were of interest to families (both local and national) and associated professionals. These days enable therapists to share with parents and professionals the knowledge and expertise in VI and MDVI that they have built up over their years of specialist work at ChildVision.

The annual pre-school off-campus weekend was held at the purpose built Haven Respite Centre in Cootehall, Co. Roscommon with full attendance. The weekend fulfilled the expectation of rest and relaxation for parents/guardians while the children were in the excellent care of the pre-school teaching team and the nursing team from ChildVision.

Summer Camp 2017 was attended by sixteen students and the focus was on fun and laughter for all. The age of admission is eight years plus, so this was a first choice for many of our students attending our primary and secondary education settings along with the students in residence. There were also some students who attended camp following an assessment at ChildVision.

ChildVision students past and present made the annual trip to Space Camp in 2017. This is a one-week experience in space adventure held at a NASA base in Huntsville, Alabama USA each September. It provides a unique opportunity to our students with a visual impairment and/or additional disabilities. Another of our Space Camp attendees received the Noel O'Reilly bursary award. Noel was an esteemed member of the ChildVision staff team

and this bursary is awarded to one Space Camp attendee in his honour by Belvedere Football Club. We were also awarded a scholarship from Light House Vision in the USA. But the most memorable moment for all of us was when, in front of all participants, their families and volunteers, Michael Hayes (a recent graduate of ChildVision), won the Max Carpenter and Kathy Johnson Award, having received more nominations than anyone ever before. This, was an exceptional achievement and a testament to Michael's personality and drive to challenge himself.

Memories like that are made every year at our family events and we are so proud to be able to play a part in creating them.

3.3 Education Supports

ChildVision works nationally in partnership with both primary and secondary schools to offer education providers advice on orientation and mobility, technical services, and library and family resource activities – where geographically possible. National Braille Production also provides over 700 children across the country with books in Braille and other formats. Additionally, and where licence permits, schools can directly download Braille books and print them locally through On-Line Bookshelf.

ChildVision is a national service and we are lucky to have therapists with particular expertise in visual impairment. Our therapists offer a range of programmes on supporting children with a visual impairment to therapists in other centres and schools around the country.

ChildVision works closely with the on-campus primary and secondary schools providing them with on-site physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, nursing and medication, animal and equine therapy, mobility training, and library facilities. We also provide the schools with a breakfast and hot lunch service.

ChildVision also provides a rolling calendar of activities organised by our Family Resource and a residential programme of care, from Sunday evening to Friday evening.

3.4 Assessment and Therapies

In 2017, we saw the completion of 78 assessments at ChildVision. These ranged from Arena and multi-disciplinary team (MDT) assessments to residential review and Autism Diagnosis Observation Schedule (ADOS) assessments.

The Arena as assessments are one-hour assessments meetings for Early Years students, who are up to six years old. In attendance are the teaching, nursing and therapy teams who conduct a meeting with the child and family in an open setting, laying out recommendations followed by a report. There are occasions when Arena assessment may be suitable for an older student with a range of very complex needs.

The MDT or multi-disciplinary team assessments are designed for the students who are six years plus and take place over two days bi-weekly. Once again, nursing, therapy, orientation and mobility, technical skills and assistive technology teams are central to this process and each perform a one-hour assessment which provides an interactive opportunity to both parties.

Residential review assessments are a standard requirement and take place for all residential students in attendance at both our primary and secondary settings.

There were also a number of autism diagnostic assessments. The Autism Diagnosis Observation Schedule (ADOS) team at ChildVision adapted the ADOS for use with children and young people with a visual impairment. The ADOS team included an occupational therapist, speech and language therapists, a psychologist and a vision assessor.

Of the 78 MDT assessments which were scheduled, 49 took place prior to the summer recess and the remaining 29 were completed by the close of the calendar year.

Throughout the academic year, approximately eleven assessments a month were held at ChildVision. There was a steady influx of assessment requests for children of all ages.

The assessment team met once a month to screen those on the waiting list and to sign off on report

output. The team revisited and updated the care pathways documentation during 2017 to ensure maximum clarity regarding assessment acceptance criteria.

The visiting teaching service, community resource workers, along with eye hospitals and children's hospitals continued to be a valuable conduit of referral however 2017 saw the net spread wider to encompass national and secondary schools directly.

Therapies

In 2017, ChildVision created the post of Director of Clinical Services, which was taken up by Dr Adrienne Lauer. Adrienne is an occupational therapist who developed therapy services at ChildVision in 2002. She was most recently Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Since 2012, Adrienne has coordinated yearly visits between ChildVision and clinicians and students of occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and ophthalmology from Nova Southeastern University.

The aim of the Director of Clinical Services thus far has been to establish outcome measures, to develop appropriate policies and procedures, to further develop clinical services, and to assist the CEO in future planning.

Therapy services continued to develop in 2017, and have provided critical input with the children in many areas. The physiotherapist continued to run the orthotics clinic, and a hip surveillance clinic was also trialled by the Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Departments this year. Additionally, a seating clinic was initiated in the Occupational Therapy Department this year to address the many complex needs of the children encountered in the primary school.

The Director of Clinical Services has worked closely with team members across the campus to provide structure, feedback, equipment procurement, and to meet the other needs of the current clients.

We were joined by one new speech and language therapist and one new occupational therapist.

The speech and language therapy and occupational therapy teams continue to complete ADOS assessments with children who have a visual impairment to help differentiate a diagnosis.

Our Speech and Language Therapy department continues to wait on the much anticipated return of our senior therapist who has been on maternity leave. Meanwhile, our full-time therapist has been busy upskilling and has attended a number of courses, Including Management of Feeding study day (at Crumlin), a Progressing Disability study day for children with ASD, an Intensive Interaction communication course and a course on DIR (Developmental Individual-difference Relationship-based model) Floor Time training. The added expertise gained in these courses has immediate benefit to our children. Finally, both of our speech and language therapists will attend courses this summer at Elklan on early language learners.

The expertise of our Occupational Therapy Department is continuing to grow. One of our occupational therapists is now a qualified sensory integration practitioner, and the other has begun training. Both of them attended a day workshop on central auditory processing disorder, which affects many of our children, and which has very similar characteristics to cortical visual impairment but affects hearing. Our senior occupational therapist has also completed her training in the Mini Assisting Hand Assessment (Mini-AHA) which is a standardised tool for children with unilateral cerebral palsy, but which has also been of value in supporting therapy for many of our children with complex needs. To upskill further and add to the current knowledge in this area, one of our occupational therapists also participated in a research project lead by a clinician in the Central Remedial Clinic. In 2017 her article on equine assisted occupational therapy was published in the *Irish Journal of Occupational Therapy* (https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/full/10.1108/IJOT-02-2017-0005).

The Occupational Therapy Department has also been involved in many of the Progressing Disabilities training days held in ChildVision (e.g. Sensory Processing Education Workshop, Working with Cerebral Palsy, ASD etc.). The occupational therapists also attended yoga training for children

with special needs, and yoga has now been used in several individual therapy sessions, in a group in the pre-school, in two vocational groups and in a class group in the primary school.

An occupational therapy student from Nova Southeastern University was on placement for fourteen weeks with the Occupational Therapy Department. The Senior Occupational Therapist also completed three days training on supervision with Barnardos, and this has been invaluable in supervision sessions with the basic grade occupational therapist, with students and with the occupational therapist assistant volunteer. The Occupational Therapy Department is also up to date with MAPA training, First Aid training and Children First.

The Occupational Therapy Department has also become involved in the Paediatric Neuroscience Network specialist group where occupational therapists from Ireland and England come together to share knowledge and to improve services for children with acquired brain injury. The Occupational Therapy Department also assisted with the IMC Conference in Trinity College in June and ran a workshop. In May one of our occupational therapists represented ChildVision at the MDVI Euronet meeting in Germany.

This winter, the entire multidisciplinary team held a one-day education conference for area therapists, visiting teachers, psychologists, class teachers and nurses. The course was well attended and feedback was outstanding. Our team was well prepared, professional and able to showcase their expertise.

The speech and language, physiotherapy and occupational therapy services team engaged in a campus-wide staff training day in November 2017 in which they were able to create 'interactive sensory experience stations' where other staff could participate and simulate the many challenges the children on campus have. The sessions were well attended and really helped staff to understand the remit of each therapy discipline.

Equine Assisted Occupational Therapy

In March 2017, one full-time occupational therapist started to work exclusively within the Equine Therapy Department, providing occupational therapy to clients from within and outside the service. Through 2017, the occupational therapist, together with the equine instructors and equine team members have undergone training and developed the structure of this unique therapeutic service. There are four qualified equine instructors, and two full-time yard staff. The Equine Centre also depends heavily on volunteers and equine students to facilitate this programme. At the beginning of 2016 the Equine Therapy Department was seeing 150 clients with 20 to 25 per cent of therapy clients coming from within ChildVision. By the end of the year the client numbers had increased to 200, with therapy accounting for 86 per cent of all lessons, and internal clients remaining at 20 per cent. Demand for the service is high with a waiting list of up to twenty clients at any one time. Clients are assessed at the start of a new term, and places offered dependent on availability and need. The service is so successful that no new mainstream riders need to be taken on to supplement the income from therapeutic riding. Client numbers are on a constant upward trend. Over the coming year we would hope to further increase our qualified staffing, and therefore increase our client numbers. We currently have twelve horses for the twelve stables. A number of horses have retired in the past year and been replaced. This is a natural and ongoing process.

Equine Therapy and Service Developments

- The new Equine Assisted Occupational Therapy Service was launched in March 2017.
- In September 2017, an explanatory video was launched to showcase this new service.
- Each client is individually assessed.
- By the end of 2017, numbers have increased to 200 clients per week.

Equine Therapy and Training

Received

- All staff attended and are up to date on basic skills training in manual handling, patient handling, MAPA and Children First child protection.
- The occupational therapist has provided all staff with autism awareness training and sensory processing training.

Given

- Presented at the International Mobility Conference in Trinity College in June 2017.
- Presented workshop to FETAC Level 6 students studying therapeutic riding at Festina Lente.
- Part-time student of occupational therapy from Nova University in Florida for two months.
- Presentation at the staff training day about the new service.
- Promoted the service at Tradfest in Temple Bar in January 2017, which subsequently gave a number of referrals to the equine-assisted occupational therapy service.
- Two Education and Training Board (ETB) students were part of the team and provided with suitable training for Stage 1 exams through the British Horse Society.

Facilities

Our current facilities have been greatly reduced because of the ongoing building work and housing development surrounding the equine unit. A five-acre field was leased in North County Dublin and has been used to compensate for the lack of grazing on site. It has been used to allow horses the necessary pasture and rest at intervals throughout the year. The sensory trail has remained part of our facilities and is an invaluable aspect of the programme that we provide.

Nursing

The ChildVision nursing team provide daily medical intervention to children and young people to allow them to avail of the service's educational supports. The team supports 40 children within the Early Years' Service, 52 students within St Joseph's Primary school for the Visually Impaired, 18 students in Pobalscoil Rosmini, and 18 vocational trainees. In 2017, we had a new challenge as one of our residential pupils now attends a local mainstream secondary school. The nursing team is available to the residential services with an on-call out-of-hours service from Sunday night through to Friday evening.

As the students number increase, so do the medical needs. Many of our younger students in particular require high medical supports, including respiratory management through oxygen and suction therapy, and nebuliser care. A number of students have epilepsy, and seizure control is a daily struggle for many of the families we work with. Specialised feeding includes naso-gastric feeding, PEG feeding and jejunal feeding along with specialised oral feeding for children with dysphagia.

In order to assist the nursing team with the increasing medical needs, a number of non-nursing staff have been trained in certain child-specific procedures. This training is ongoing and nurses provide continuous clinical supervision. These procedures include emergency Buccolam

training, PEG feeding and suction cough assist management. This training has allowed students to receive a continuous holistic service.

The nursing team works closely with the social care teams to provide children/young people with the lifelong skills they need for medication management, such as administering eye drops independently, caring for hearing aids, and so on. In order to meet HIQA requirements, medication management is closely supervised by the nursing team.

Education sessions provided by the nursing team include infection control, medication administration, epilepsy management and First Aid training. The nursing team maintains their professional competence by attending regular in-service education sessions, by actively participating in groups with professional bodies, as well as through their own personal educational research. In 2017, the newest member of the team graduated from the ChildVision course in working with people with a visual impairment.

Unfortunately, for resourcing reasons our ophthalmology and low vision clinic has been temporarily suspended. We are currently in discussions with the local paediatric hospital to access community ophthalmology. As a temporary method of overcoming this difficulty, in May 2017, Dr Nicole Patterson, Chief of Low Vision services from Nova Southeastern University, Florida, USA (as referenced above) assessed a number of our students and, provide helpful recommendations. It is envisaged that this relationship with Nova Southeastern University will continue to provide specialist services to children/young people on a national basis, working alongside generic disability teams.

In April 2018 Dr Patterson will return, accompanied by her resident to visit both Dublin and Cork campuses again. Physiotherapy faculty and students from Nova Southeastern University are also scheduled to visit and liaise with the therapy teams to review selected complex children as part of our continued yearly exchange of information and skills.

3.5 Vocational Education

Vocational Education's life skills programme aims to facilitate our young people to move towards independence as they experience a myriad of activities within the ChildVision campus.

The three-year programme is designed to cater for the needs of young adults aged from 16 to 22 years who are blind or vision-impaired and have additional support needs arising from a developmental delay.

We provide a range of activities, appropriate to the needs and interests of the young person including: music therapy, computers, meal preparation and cooking, horse-riding, orientation and mobility, personal development, and advocacy and contemporary issues. In addition, a QQI Level 1 certificate in General Learning is available to students. Five students received a full QQI Level 1 certificate in 2017, while four other students received component certificates.

September 2017 brought the student number to eighteen – which is an increase of 65 per cent from 2016. Of that group, fourteen access the residential services and four attend as day students. Staff numbers grew by 100 per cent to fourteen. In addition, approximately twenty other staff members from various departments across campus work with the Vocational Education team and facilitate classes with students.

A very dedicated and enthusiastic team of practitioners in Vocational Education facilitate over 330 activities to students on a weekly basis in a mix of one-to-one and small groups. Ensuring the programme is individualised has been very challenging for staff, particularly as students accessing the programme in 2017 have very complex physical, cognitive and behavioural needs.

Additional classrooms were made available to house Vocational Education, and we envisage that more space will be required in 2018 to support one-to one work and for breakout areas for students.

Vocational Education staff continued to develop their professional expertise in 2017, attending both in-house and external courses. One staff member commenced a HDip in Psychology – due

for completion in May 2018. Another staff member achieved a first class honours MSc in Disability Studies from TCD in 2017. Further training for staff in the areas of autism awareness and behaviour supports will be necessary in 2018.

It is not all hard work in Vocational Education! Students were involved in many extra-curricular activities both on and off site throughout 2017.

Sail Training Ireland hosted vocational education students for a day in Waterford on a tall ship – they had an opportunity to experience life on board a ship, meet the crew and discuss the challenges faced by a crew on the open seas. It was a most enjoyable day for those involved.

At the end of May, Vocational Education welcomed a group of staff from PayPal. They visited several departments on campus. Among the activities they attended were an assistive technology class delivered by our students,and walking around the environment under blindfold.

PayPal reciprocated this visit by providing vocational students with a day-in-the-life at PayPal. Students learned about data protection and virtual banking. Our students gave the staff at PayPal feedback on how they could provide better access for the visually impaired population. It was a wonderful experience for all involved.

Vocational students have found their voice! Students from Vocational Education attended a protest for the non-ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Students held a sign which stated 'ChildVision – Our World Too' and all participating felt it was a worthwhile experience. Also, Vocational students participated in Make Way day – organised by the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) – whose aim was to raise awareness of the obstacles faced by people with disabilities as they travel in the community.

3.6 Residential Services

All houses are operating at their HIQA registration capacity and are staffed to reflect best practice standards in social care. Our five houses had a total of 21 residential students in 2017. One member of staff delivered a module on mindfulness and creative approaches to social care practice to Social Care students in the Institute of Technology Tallaght. Our Head of Social Care is a member of the Irish Branch of the British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN) executive and presented a paper at their day-long seminar on Protecting Children with Disabilities. He also lectures in professional practice, group work and research methods on the honours degree in Social Care at the Institute of Technology in Tallaght, in October as part of the Institute's overseas partnership programme, he spent two weeks teaching at the University of Nanjing, China.

Highlights of 2017

Our dedicated, creative and highly qualified social care staff continue to work with each of our residential young people and their families to build confidence, encourage achievements and promote the skills and resilience needed to live the independent, happy lives each person aspires to. What follows represents just some of the highlights of 2017:

- One of our students was selected to join Ireland's inaugural blind tennis team, and subsequently represented Ireland with distinction at an international competition in Spain.
- Another student combined studies in ChildVision with a third-level evening course in horticultural studies – with a view to a future career in horticulture.
- Two young people successfully completed their Leaving Certificate and one has now transitioned to a third-level Sports Management course; another of this year's secondary school leavers is now studying Tourism and Hotel Management as part of a degree course which will involve a number of long placements in hotels across Europe.
- One of our vocational students has now graduated to a course in the Royal National College for the Blind in Hereford, England.
- A residential student has set up a peer support assistive technology course, meeting once a week to improve skills across a range of IT platforms, including JAWS and iPhone/iPad use.

- Work placements facilitated by social care were also a big part of our students' positive experiences this year, including working as a judo instructor, working in RTE and Near FM, working in a local pharmacy, a restaurant, a charity shop, in ChildVision's Reading Services and working in the local credit union.
- Three young people successfully completed an exam with the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Drama, one achieving a distinction.
- One young person travelled every week to the National Concert Hall where she participated in a choir.
- Our residential students' involvement with the President's Awards Gaisce programmes continues, with five students working towards their Bronze Achievement Awards and one working towards achieving a Silver Award.
- Social Care staff continue to make a significant contribution across the wider life of the campus, including:
  - Teaching as registered University of Worcester lecturers on the Certificate Course in Higher Education (six staff).
  - Providing external assessment activities, orientation and mobility instruction, multi-element behaviour support practitioners, relationship and sexuality training, instruction in Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA), as well as many other roles.
  - In addition, a social care colleague has been appointed by the Minister for Health to sit on the Social Care Worker's Registration Board and on the State's multi-profession regulator CORU's governing body. A colleague also sits on a HIQA advisory body, representing the Disability Federation of Ireland.
  - One of our young adult houses was the subject of an unannounced inspection by HIQA, who found it fully compliant on eight of the ten outcomes inspected with only minor issues identified in respect of the other two outcomes. In particular, the published report noted the house's excellent 'person-centred, warm and respectful' atmosphere.

The highlights represented here are just a small sample of the activities and achievements across all five of our houses. But the bigger list embraces so many examples of those incredibly important but so hard to quantify realities:

… the young person who can now dress independently

… who has learned to cook a favourite dish

…who has begun to make healthy food choices

… who now engages socially in circumstances which would once have been challenging

… who sets a marker about achieving something and is relentlessly determined to get there

… who has mastered self-care skills

… who now self-medicates

… who expresses meaningful choice in daily ways

… who enjoys interacting with peers

… who is learning a new mobility route

… who volunteers to help others.

These are just some of the ways our social care colleagues measure success in each young person's individual circumstances – spending time with each young person and their families, showing respect and empathy in a person-centred way, and using their skills, training and personality to build relationships and sustain an empowering environment where life changing learning happens, every day, naturally.

3.7 National Braille Production

National Braille Production transcribes educational material for students registered with a visual impairment within the Republic of Ireland. The academic year 2016/17 saw a steady rise in registrations and a significant increase in orders received. Client numbers reached their highest level at over 900, all of whom received their educational material in either one or a combination of alternative formats including:

Braille:	Unified English Braille (UEB) Standard English Braille (SEB)
Large Print:	Font size Arial 24–36 (bold, double-line spacing, coloured paper)
DAISY:	Digital format for use with speech software or multi-line Braille display
Text-file:	Text copy for use with speech software or a multi-line Braille display

National Braille Production transcribed over 4,170 full books in the school year 2016/17 which equates to over 17,500 individual volumes of Braille and large print books. All digital files (DAISY, text-file and soft copy Braille files) were uploaded to Online Bookshelf, a secure upload/download facility that can be accessed directly by students or relevant parties.

Braille transcription placed further demand on the service with the further implementation of UEB. September 2017 saw its implementation within the Irish school system enter secondary education through first, fourth and fifth years. The UEB steering group has overseen the implementation and is very happy to report success to date. As expected, there have been some delays with transcriptions, and National Braille Production has worked closely with individuals to ensure that production plans are in place for students.

In addition to the daily transcription work National Braille Production is also looking at future digital formats, with trials expected to take place with transition year students in the coming year. We are also expanding our 3D project with the introduction of a 3D clock, ruler and 100 square for students, further expansion is also expected in this area.

3.8 Library Services

In 2017, the Library welcomed 189 new patrons, bringing the total number to over 1,000 members. All members are based within the Republic of Ireland and have the option to borrow some of our leisure reading material in alternative formats including Braille, tactile, large and twin vision, or to make use of our extensive range of specialised texts on visual impairment and multiple disabilities. In total over 1,200 items were loaned out across both the Children's Library and the Resource Library.

The Library responded further to Ireland's adoption of UEB with over 90 per cent of its leisure reading titles now available in UEB.

Through a donation from Smurfit Kappa, the Library added to its list of titles available in alternative formats. The opportunity to increase titles is great news for the Library and has resulted in over 250 extra titles being available to patrons. This will continue to increase in the coming year.

During the summer we received over 30 new tactile books as a result of our ongoing project with transition year students within two secondary schools. As part of their home economics project, students work on designing, creating and producing tactile books. This continues to be a positive experience for students and the tactile books have proved to be extremely beneficial for the Library.

Braille Reading Day for primary and secondary schools took place on 20 November 2017 with 24 participants in total, 20 from primary school and 4 from secondary school. Many of the students read Braille using electronic devices and one student from junior infants read from the introductory programme, Braille for Infants. Best-selling children's author Judi Curtin was the guest author in attendance on the day.

3.9 Training and Research & Development

The two-year training needs analysis carried out for the period 2016–18 identified the priority areas for the training and development of staff within ChildVision. In 2017 we continued to address areas such as health and safety, practice development and organisational development.

In all, twenty areas of training were identified in the two-year plan and delivery was achieved on fifteen of these areas in the 2017 programme. The 50 training courses were availed of by some 448 attendees. Areas covered during 2017, onsite and offsite, included the following:

- Induction
- First Aid, basic and occupational
- Safer manual and patient handling

- Medication management
- Always Children First foundation training
- Management of Actual and Potential Aggression (MAPA)
- HACCP (Food Safety) for social care staff
- Vision and visual impairment in children with additional needs
- Epistatus training
- Learn Braille
- Certificate in Higher Education
- Cognition, Visual Processing and Cognition Workshop
- Feeding course
- Designated Officer and Vulnerable Adult Training (TCD)
- Children First and Family Legislation
- Art, Music and Drama for People with Autism
- Pool lifeguard qualification
- Sensory attachment.

FETAC/QQI Learn Braille Course

Eleven participants completed the 2016/2017 Learn Braille Course achieving distinction and merit awards for their QQI Level 5 Certificates. The group included ChildVision speech and language therapists, a teacher from St Joseph's Primary School for the Visually Impaired, NCBI library staff, Braille transcribers in Arbour Hill Prison, resource teachers, special needs assistants from Portlaoise and Rathcoole, and a former employee of ONCE in Spain, now working in Ireland.

There were fifteen participants on the 2017/2018 course. Teachers and special needs assistants (SNAs) travelled to the contact days to develop the skills to support children learning Braille in Dublin, Mayo and Waterford. We are delighted with the number of ChildVision staff on the course; they have recently taken up posts in Reading Services and in the Library.

The number of participants on each course is limited by the number of tutors available to provide the necessary one-to-one support, and to mark and provide feedback on the work the group submits every three weeks. As a result, we are training additional ChildVision staff with Braille expertise to expand the tutor team. This will allow us to offer more places to people who want to learn Braille on the 2018/2019 course.

Student Placements

The network of third level institutions for whose courses we provide planned placements continues to expand. These include courses in social care, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, education, IT, orientation and mobility, and habilitation. The institutions are based in Ireland and internationally – for example, in Finland and in the United States.

International Mobility Conference (IMC16)

ChildVision was the local organiser for the very successful IMC16 conference that took place in Trinity College Dublin at the end of June 2017. The conference was attended by almost 300 delegates from 28 different countries including United States, Japan, Australia, Canada and Israel. Fourteen sponsors/exhibitors also took part. The exhibition was open to the public, and attracted many visitors from around Ireland.

The theme of the conference was 'Transitions – Moving On, Moving Out', and the programme included three keynote speakers, thirty parallel sessions, twenty one-day field trips. In total over a hundred papers were given on the conference theme. ChildVision was particularly pleased at the inclusion of the twenty workshops, which offered an unrivalled opportunity for sharing knowledge and practice ideas in innovative ways. There were also three social/networking evenings for delegates to attend with the best of Irish food and entertainment.

The field trips took delegates to ChildVision and NCBI in Dublin, to Queen's University Belfast, and to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind in Cork.

4. REVIEW OF THE YEAR

4.1 Income and Expenditure

ChildVision is financed by a mix of statutory and voluntary funding. In 2017, ChildVision raised a total income of €6.9m, up from €6.7m in 2016. The income was generated through various channels, with 79 per cent from Government funding, primarily allocated through the HSE and the Department of Education and Skills. The remainder came from our fundraising activity (€646k, up by 12.5 per cent on 2016) and the balance from on-campus social enterprises and rental income (€728k, up by 13 per cent on 2016).

We would like to thank all of our donors for their continued support during the year. We are continually grateful to them all for their contributions.

4.2 Overview

Income

ChildVision's income comes from three principal sources: from the HSE, from the Department of Education and Skills, and from our fundraising/ social enterprises activities.

During 2017 overall income increased by €156,616. General donations increased to €646,989 (2016, €574,998). This represents 12.5 per cent increase. We were very grateful to receive additional funding from corporate partners and direct mail campaigns. Other trading activities increased by €85,588 which represents a 13 per cent increase.

Expenditure

Financial statements analyse expenditure between charitable activities (provision of services in ChildVision) and the cost of raising funds. Total expenditure for 2017 was €6.87m (2016, €6.66m). This represents an increase of €241,257. The underlying reasons for the increase in expenditure relate to addition of staff in vocational unit and a small increase in fundraising activity. It is expected that the additional costs in staff will be met by increased funding from the HSE.

Capital expenditure during the year included:

- Purchase of three vehicles for the transport of our children.
- Creation of temporary car park.
- Expansion of the Vocational Unit due to increased demand. Additional funds from the HSE are expected to cover these costs.
- €1.2m on the acquisition of our campus in Drumcondra.

During 2017 ChildVision purchased the freehold of the campus in Drumcondra, Dublin 9, which was funded through borrowings from the Rosminian Order. The Board of ChildVision took a strategic decision that the purchase of the freehold would give greater certainty and stability to the children and families we provide a service to for years to come and we will continue the proud tradition of service provision from our Drumcondra campus.

4.3 Investment and Reserves Policy

As in previous years ChildVision's policy is to maintain a prudent level of reserves to enable us to manage financial risk, to deliver on our commitments and to achieve our objectives.

At the end of 2017, ChildVision had funds of €2.42m. Of this, €98,293 is held for restricted purposes, as the funds were donated for specific projects.

At the Balance Sheet date (31 December 2017), the unrestricted reserves amounted to €2.32m (2016, €2.32m) of which €2.5m is represented by tangible fixed assets. It is the aim of the directors to ensure that cash reserves are sufficient to provide for three months of expenditure, and we will continue to strive to reach this target in the years to come. For prudential purposes, the Board has decided to keep cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and not to make any other form of investment. As deposit rates are at an all-time low, ChildVision has decided to review this policy over the coming months.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The directors have responsibility for, and are aware of, the risks associated with the operating activities of ChildVision. The directors have identified that ChildVision operates within a high overall risk range because of to the nature of our clients. The directors have taken the decision that ChildVision has a low appetite to risk. This means that while acknowledging our legal obligations, we will give priority to reducing to reasonably practicable levels the risks originating from the delivery of services to children and to the public.

ChildVision's Board, in conjunction with senior management, will ensure that risk management is:

- An integral and ongoing part of its management process
- As simple and straightforward as possible.

The key mechanisms that we rely on to assist us in fulfilling these responsibilities include:

- Properly functioning internal control systems that ensure efficient and effective use of ChildVision's financial resources, that safeguard its assets, and that maintain the integrity of the financial information produced
- Access by senior management and staff in ChildVision to Board members, individually or collectively, to discuss matters of concern to the charity's efficient and effective operation.

Risk Management Monitoring is achieved through the use of risk policy and a risk register that identifies risks to the organisation, management of risk is delegated down to senior managers and that the board reviews the risk register at each board meeting.

The risks associated in providing services at ChildVision are:

- Potential reduction in funding either from the State or fundraising income
- Inherent infrastructural defects of the building
- Proper introduction of EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018
- Continued good practice in child protection.

6. TAXATION STATUS

ChildVision has been granted charitable status under sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidated Act 1997.

7. EVENTS AFTER THE YEAR END

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

The CEO and Financial Controller report regularly to the Board on the state of the company's activities and finances.

8. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL DONATIONS

There were no political donations in 2016 and 2017, and as a result no disclosures are required under the Electoral Act, 1997.

As required under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015, ChildVision now records all lobbying activity and communications with Designated Public Officials (DPOs). It has made the returns and submissions required by the Act.

9. ACCOUNTING RECORDS

To ensure that proper books and accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have engaged appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are located at the company's premises at Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

10. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Even though there has been an improvement in the economy, we have not yet seen the reversal of any of the funding cuts we experienced in our HSE Service Level Agreement. This background remains challenging for service delivery and staff retention. Our waiting lists for pre-school and vocational education are continuing to grow, with increasing levels of disability. In September 2017 we engaged

a Clinical Director to advise on how best we could deliver our assessment and clinical services, and provide best quality care to as many children and young people as possible, without undue delay. This will remain a key focus of our work and deliverables in 2018.

The Vocational Education Unit will continue to grow next year and we must continue to plan for adaptations in space ahead of that growth. This applies to the entirety of the service. Our buildings are no longer capable of the adaptation necessary for expansion of service provision. For the last decade we have worked creatively with the space and buildings we have available to us, making space for service delivery wherever we could. In 2018 we will deliver a new Strategic Plan accompanied by a realistic deliverable for proper capital infrastructure, to ensure the VI and MDVI children and young people in our care receive education and therapies in an adequate and comfortable environment.

During the course of next year, we will also examine our social care housing provision and plan for a future that will place dignity, respect and person-centredness at heart of all our social care work.

ChildVision will strive to continue to provide a world class campus for education and therapeutic intervention in the lives of blind and visually impaired children and young people, many with multiple disabilities. Specifically, in 2017 we will continue to:

- Work tirelessly with other service providers to bring improvements in the quality and quantity of services we offer and in the delivery of those services to the disabled
- Place the highest value on quality and output of our best resource (the staff of ChildVision) as the natural repository of knowledge for educating blind or partially sighted children
- Undertake a review of the physical structures on the campus of ChildVision to ensure it is fit for purpose
- Redouble our efforts to embed the values and learnings of ChildVision in the national setting.

There are impending requirements for us to amend our child protection policies, procedures and practices to take account of the coming into force of the Children First Act 2015.

11. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

All of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved haves confirmed that, as far as they are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

So far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

12. AUDITORS

Crowe Horwath Bastow Charleton are eligible and have expressed their willingness to continue in office as our auditors in accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Shane Cowley

Christopher Cassedy

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

9 May 2018

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing this Annual Report and the accompanying financial statements in accordance with 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 Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, including FRS 102 – the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland as promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (effective 1 January 2015).

Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company for the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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

Shane Cowley

Christopher Cassedy

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

9 May 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHILDVISION CLG

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ChildVision CLG for the year ended 31 December 2017, which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015;
- have been 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the 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 company'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 Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

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

- in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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 company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' 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.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

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

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

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: https://www.iaasa.ie/Publications/ISA-700-(Ireland). The description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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

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

Signed by:

Neil Davitt
For and on behalf of:

Crowe Horwath.

Bastow Charleton
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
Marine House Clanwilliam Court, Dublin 2

9 May 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Income and Endowments from					
Donations and legacies	*4*	543,152	103,837	**646,989**	574,998
Other trading activities	*5*	728,730	-	**728,730**	643,142
Charitable activities	*6*	5,529	5,486,574	**5,492,103**	5,483,569
Investment	*7*	269	-	**269**	640
Other	*8*	-	-	**-**	9,126
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		1,277,680	5,590,411	**6,868,091**	6,711,475
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	*10*	405,763	5,594.961	**6,000,724**	5,775,756
Raising funds	*11*	870,777	-	**870,777**	852,378
Other expenditure	*13*	1,754	536	**2,290**	4,400
TOTAL		1,278,294	5,595,497	**6,873,791**	6,632,534
NET RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		(614)	(5,086)	**(5,700)**	78,941
TOTAL FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	*26/27*	2,317,532	102,275	**2,419,807**	2,340,866
TOTAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD	*26/27*	2,316,918	97,189	**2,414,107**	2,419,807

All income and expenditure arises from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 29 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	*18*	**2,506,014**	1,238,439
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	*19*	**112,698**	70,927
Stocks	*20*	**-**	1,166
Cash at bank and in hand	*21*	**1,507,524**	1,648,641
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**1,620,222**	1,720,734
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	*22*	**(457,486)**	(467,738)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**1,162,737**	1,252,996
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after one year)	*23*	**(1,254,641)**	(71,628)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**2,414,109**	2,419,807
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds	*26*	**2,316,918**	2,317,532
Restricted funds	*27*	**97,189**	102,275
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**2,414,109**	2,419,807

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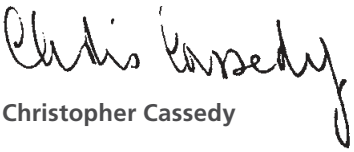
The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 May 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Shane Cowley



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CASHFLOW STATEMENT

as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	*29*	302,327	500,440
NET CASH (USED IN)/ PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	*29*	(2,492)	(1,315)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	*29*	(407,498)	(725,822)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE REPORTING PERIOD	*30*	(107,663)	(226,697)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE REPORTING PERIOD		(107,663)	(226,697)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	*30*	1,520,309	1,747,006
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	*30*	1,412,647	1,520,309

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2016

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

ChildVision CLG was established to provide care and education for children and adults who are visually impaired. The company's registered office is 75 St Stephens Green, Dublin 2.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies are applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements:

2.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and Irish statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014 and with reference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP) issued by the Charities Commissioner in the UK.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies. (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are funds received which can only be used for particular purposes specified by the donors and binding on the company. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the company.

2.3 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are those which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The company has long term obligations in respect of the provision of education and services to the visually impaired. If part of an unrestricted fund is earmarked for a particular project, it may be designated as a separate fund, but the designation has an administrative purpose only, and does not legally restrict the company's discretion to apply the fund.

2.4 INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is entitled to the income and the amount can be measured with reasonable accuracy and is probable. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Grant and Service Income: Grant income from the Health Service Executive, the Department of Education and other sundry sources are credited when receivable to the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure and service-related grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities upon the recognition of the associated expense for which the grant was originally received.

Fundraising Income: Fundraising income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received by the company.

Trading Income: Income raised in the operation of the restaurant, equine centre and garden centre is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment Income: Income earned on funds held on deposit is treated as unrestricted income and is credited when earned.

2.5 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is recorded as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Cost of raising funds comprises of the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes. Expenditure on charitable activities are those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its 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. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated in proportion to estimated benefits received.

2.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. Cost includes all costs that are directly attributable to bringing the assets into working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	33% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	12.5% Straight Line
Renovations	2% Straight Line
Land	0% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	20% Straight Line

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.7 DEBTORS

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

2.8 STOCKS

Stocks comprise food and beverage stock and are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2.9 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable. Basic financial instruments are recorded at transaction price.

2.11 CREDITORS

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

2.12 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Functional and presentation currency The company's functional and presentational currency is euro.

Transactions and balances Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.13 HOLIDAY PAY ACCRUAL

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which is accrued at the Balance Sheet date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future holiday entitlement and accrued at the Balance Sheet date.

2.14 PENSIONS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Pension benefits are funded over the employees' period of service by way of contributions from the company and from employees. Employer contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they become payable.

2.15 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred over the term of the lease.

2.16 TAXATION

No charge to taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable status. Value added tax is recovered on the trading activities of the café and public equine lessons. Irrecoverable value added tax is expensed as incurred.

2.17 GOING CONCERN

The Directors have assessed whether there are any significant doubts regarding the company's ability to continue as a going concern and are unaware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

3. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION

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

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

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Establishing lives for depreciation purposes of property, plant and equipment.

Long-lived assets, consisting primarily of property, plant and equipment, comprise a significant portion of the total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and estimates of residual values. The Directors regularly review these asset lives and change them as necessary to reflect current thinking on remaining lives in light of prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets concerned. Changes in asset lives can have a significant impact on depreciation and amortisation charges for the period. Details of the useful lives are included in the accounting policies.

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Donations	543,152	103,837	**646,989**	574,998

ChildVision generates income from a variety of donations to maintain its services. ChildVision had a campaign for new direct debit donors in 2017. Corporate fundraising continues to grow from 2016.

5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Income from commercial enterprises	463,318	-	**463,318**	323,571
Fundraising campaigns and events	126,897	-	**126,897**	183,413
Rental income	138,515	-	**138,515**	136,158
	728,730	-	**728,730**	643,142

ChildVision operates a number of commercial social enterprises which enhance the provision of services on the main campus and which provide additional income to the charity. ChildVision also organises events and fundraisers which are a valued additional source of funds. Additionally, ChildVision received €53,720 in rental income from the Department of Education and Skills, which related to the renting of classrooms by Grace Park Educate Together National School.

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Health Service Executive	*(a)*	-	4,071,291	**4,071,291**	4,091,960
Department of Education and Skills	*(b)*	-	1,380,456	**1,380,456**	1,324,736
Other performance grants	*(c)*	-	34,827	**34,827**	39,313
All other sources of income	*(c)*	5,529	-	**5,529**	27,560
		5,529	5,486,574	**5,492,103**	5,483,569

(a) ChildVision is a 'Section 39 organisation' and receives funding from HSE as assistance towards a wide range of services including the provision of pre-school, residential care, vocational and therapeutic services.

(b) ChildVision received funding from the Department of Education and Skills. ChildVision is a national service which provides access to educational materials by transcriptions into a range of formats accessible for children with a visual impairment. The formats currently catered for are: Braille, tactile diagrams, MOON, large print, text-only files and DAISY books. ChildVision received an additional capital grant for Braille IT equipment of €55,718.

(c) ChildVision generates income from other sources to supplement the provision of its primary services.

7. INVESTMENT

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Investment income	269	-	**269**	640
	269	-	**269**	640

8. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Other income	-		**-**	9,126
	-	-	**-**	9,126

9. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2017 €	2016 €
On bank overdrafts	-	927
Lease finance charges and hire purchase interest	**2,610**	1,028
	2,610	1,955

10. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Provision of education and related services	210,815	3,634,459	**3,845,274**	3,830,875
Provision of residential services	200	188,728	**188,928**	184,040
All other services and charitable activities	139,929	1,771,773	**1,911,702**	1,702,831
Governance Costs (see note 12c)	54,820	-	**54,820**	58,010
	405,763	5,594,961	**6,000,724**	5,775,756

Of ChildVision's expenditure, 87 per cent is dedicated to charitable purposes. There are two large categories of expenditures

i) Services directly related to children and young adults who are blind or partially sighted; and

ii) Production of Braille books and alternative formats for primary and secondary education.

ChildVision provides a pre-school, and residential, vocational, family resource and therapeutic services. The National Braille Production unit produces Braille book volumes, large print book volumes, text files, DAISY files. During 2017 the overall production was 4,178 compared to 3,837 in 2016.

11. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2017 €	Restricted Funds 2017 €	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Payroll costs of raising funds	327,594	-	**327,594**	357,102
Commercial enterprises	281,732	-	**281,732**	218,729
Other costs of raising funds	255,359	-	**255,359**	270,102
Governance Costs (see note 12c)	6,091	-	**6,091**	6,445
	870,777	-	**870,777**	852,378

11. COST OF RAISING FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Generation of funds accounts for 13% of expenditure. Costs are broken into costs of operating ChildVision social enterprises and direct fundraising costs. ChildVision operates an Equine Centre, a café and a garden centre. ChildVision also received income from responses to a number of direct mail donor newsletters during 2017.

12. SUPPORT COSTS AND ALLOCATION OF EXPENDITURE

(a) Support costs

ChildVision's support services include Finance, Human Resources, ICT, Procurement, Administration, Training and Health & Safety. Costs are charged to each service and activity in proportion to direct staff numbers, which is considered to reflect estimated benefits received.

(b) Allocation of expenditure

	Charitable activities €	Cost of raising funds €	Governance costs €	Total Expenditure €
Direct expenditure	5,365,130	832,208	44,437	6,241,775
Depreciation of fixed assets	337,633			337,633
Allocation of support costs	243,141	32,478	18,763	294,382
	5,945,904	864,686	63,201	6,873,791

(c) Governance Costs

	Raising Funds €	Charitable Activities €	2017 €	2016 €
Company secretarial services	1,197	10,773	**11,970**	11,685
External governance review	-	-	**-**	1,845
Wages and salaries	1,876	16,887	**18,763**	18,526
Internal audit	787	7,081	**7,868**	3,313
External audit	1,924	17,315	**19,239**	19,856
Pension audit	307	2,763	**3,070**	9230
	6,091	54,819	**60,910**	64,455

The Board of Directors is voluntary and directors do not receive remuneration for their services as directors. Expenses directly incurred by the directors in carrying out their role are reimbursed, if claimed. There were no related party transactions with directors during the year.

Governance costs relate to the annual external, internal and pension audits, company secretarial services provided by L&P Trustee Services Limited and an allocation of wages incurred for governance purposes.

13. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2017 €	2016 €
Loss on Disposal	**1,754**	**536**	**2,290**	**4,400**

14. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Net movement in funds is stated after charging:	2017 €	2016 €
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**337,633**	300,706
Auditors remuneration		
- Statutory audit	**19,239**	19,065
- Non audit services	**-**	-
Operating lease rentals – Buildings	**115,200**	265,200

15. EMPLOYEES AND STAFF COSTS

The average number of employees (full-time, part-time and hourly rated) during the year was 132 (126 in 2016).
The aggregate amounts paid to or on behalf of the staff are as follows:

	2017 €	2016 €
Wages and salaries	**4,318,935**	4,195,131
Social welfare costs	**452,442**	424,103
Pension costs	**240,443**	248,499
	5,011,820	4,867,733

15. EMPLOYEES AND STAFF COSTS continued

The number of staff earning salaries over €60,000, and their pension contributions is:

Salary Range	2017	2016	Employer Pension Contribution 2017 €	Employer Pension Contribution 2016 €
€60,001 - €70,000	**2**	3	**9,462**	13,837
€70,001 - €80,000	**3**	3	**16,171**	15,844
€80,001 - €90,000	**0**	1	**-**	5,749
€90,001 - €100,000	1	-	**6,814**	-
€100,001 - €110,000	**-**	-	**-**	-
€110,001 - €120,000	**1**	1	**7,720**	7,719

The CEO was paid a salary of €110,279 by ChildVision in the year.

Employer contributions of 7 per cent are made for all members of the ChildVision Pension Scheme.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include the CEO and the senior management team for whom the total remuneration cost was €505,791. (2016: €486,221) in the year. Pension contributions were €35,358 (2016: €33,967).

16. PENSION COSTS

Qualifying employees, who opt in, are members of the ChildVision Pension Scheme, which is a defined contribution scheme operated by the company. Employer contributions of 7 per cent of wages are made for all members of the scheme. The assets of the pension scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to €240,496 (€248,499 in 2016).

17. TAXATION

No charge to taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption by the Revenue Commissioners.

18. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Land & Buildings €	Renovations €	Total €
COST						
At 1 January 2017	277,231	1,576,201	271,576	-	408,856	2,533,864
Additions	64,187	131,658	63,600	1,218,450	129,602	1,607,498
Disposals	7,791	17,271	12,000	-	-	37,062
At 31 December 2017	333,627	1,690,588	323,176	1,218,450	538,458	4,104,299
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 January 2017	154,938	877,951	221,651	-	40,886	1,295,425
Charge for the year	61,809	190,170	31,808	-	53,846	337,633
On disposals	(7,644)	(15,128)	(12,000)	-	-	34,772
At 31 December 2017	209,103	1,052,992	241,459	-	94,731	1,598,286
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 December 2017	124,524	637,596	81,717	1,218,450	443,727	2,506,014
At 31 December 2016	122,293	698,250	49,925	-	367,971	1,238,439

In 2017 ChildVision purchased the freehold to its campus in Gracepark Road, Drumcondra. The directors consider the consideration paid relates to the acquisition of land and that buildings have a negligible value.

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

Asset description	Net book Value €	Depreciation charge €
Motor vehicles	30,260	13,070

19. DEBTORS

	2017 €	2016 €
Amounts owed by connected parties (note 31)	**29,520**	3,940
Other debtors	**66,146**	37,296
Value Added Tax refund	**-**	18,236
Prepayments	**17,032**	11,455
	112,698	70,927

20. STOCKS

	2017 €	2016 €
Food and beverage stock	**-**	1,166

21. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017 €	2016 €
Cash in bank	**1,507,524**	1,648,641

22. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017 €	2016 €
Bank overdraft	**2,397**	23,069
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 24)	**37,839**	33,635
Trade creditors	**119,844**	95,897
Accruals	**171,764**	157,620
Deferred income	**8,891**	64,609
Payroll taxes	**107,106**	92,908
Value Added Tax	**9,645**	-
	457,486	467,738

23. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2017 €	2016 €
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (note 24)	**54,641**	71,628
Loan Rosminians, Institute of Charity	**1,200,000**	-
	1,254,641	71,628

An interest free loan for €1,200,000 was received from the Rosminians, Institute of Charity, repayable within one year plus a day from drawdown, with an annual review

24. NET OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

	2017 €	2016 €
Not later than one year	**37,839**	33,635
Later than one year and not later than five years	**38,909**	71,228
Later than five years	**15,733**	400
	92,481	105,263

25. RECONCILIATION OF NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	Total funds €
Tangible assets	**2,506,014**	**-**	**2,506,014**
Current assets	**1,514,142**	**106,080**	**1,620,222**
Creditors	**(1,703,236)**	**(8,891)**	**(1,712,127)**
Net assets	**2,316,920**	**97,189**	**2,414,109**

26. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at beginning of year €	Incoming resources €	Resources expended €	Balance at end of year €
Unrestricted funds 2017	**2,317,532**	**1,277,680**	**(1,278,294)**	**2,316,918**
Unrestricted funds 2016	**2,260,112**	**1,160,603**	**(1,103,183)**	**2,317,532**

Unrestricted funds are funds that have been raised by ChildVision and which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

27. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at beginning of year €	Incoming resources €	Resources expended €	Balance at end of year €
Restricted funds 2017	**102,275**	**5,590,411**	**(5,595,497)**	**97,189**
Restricted funds 2016	**80,754**	**5,550,872**	**(5,529,351)**	**102,275**

Restricted funds primarily reflect the donations for specific purposes which have not been spent at year end.

28. DETAILS OF BORROWINGS

Maturity analysis	Within 1 year €	Between 1 & 2 years €	Between 2 & 5 years €	Total €
REPAYABLE OTHER THAN BY INSTALMENTS				
Bank overdraft	2,397	-	-	2,397
REPAYABLE IN INSTALMENTS				
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	37,839	-	-	37,839
At end of year	40,236	-	-	40,236

29. RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2017 €	2016 €
Operating deficit	**(5,700)**	78,941
Adjustment for depreciation	**337,633**	300,706
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	**2,290**	4,445
(Increase)/decrease in stock	**1,166**	(362)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	**(41,771)**	24,228
Movement in creditors	**6,216**	91,167
Interest receivable	**(119)**	(640)
Interest payable	**2,610**	1,955
	302,327	500,440

Net cash used in financing activities	2017 €	2016 €
Interest received	**119**	640
Interest paid	**-**	(927)
Interest element of finance lease rental payments	**(2,610)**	(1,028)
	302,327	500,440
Net cash used in investing activities		
Payments to acquire tangible assets	**(1,607,498)**	(718,822)
Proceeds from sales of tangible assets	**-**	(7,000)
Capital loan	**1,200,000**	
	(407,498)	(725,822)

30. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Opening balance €	Cash flows €	Other changes €	Closing balance €
Cash at bank and in hand	1,648,641	(141,117)	-	1,507,524
Overdrafts	(23,069)	20,672	-	(2,397)
	1,625,572	(120,444)	-	1,505,128
Finance lease and hire purchase contracts	(105,263)	12,782	-	(92,481)
Total cash and cash equivalents.	1,520,309	(107,662)	-	1,412,647

31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The residential houses that the company operates from are owned by the Irish Province of the Institute of Charity (IPIC), which is the ultimate controlling party. Rent was paid to the IPIC during the period amounting to €152,700.

Included within Other Debtors is an amount due from MPC Learning Tree of €29,520. The Learning Tree is subject to influence by IPIC. MPC Learning Tree had a related party transaction of €121,021 during the year. The Learning Tree occupies rental space on the premises of ChildVision campus and the majority of related party transactions are associated with the payment of rent to ChildVision.

Amounts owed by the connected companies relate to companies which are owned by IPIC members.

The company secretary, L&P Trustee Services Ltd, provided consultancy services to the company, on a commercial basis, during the period. The amount charged to the income and expenditure accounting in respect of these services during the period was €11,970 (€13,756 in 2016).

32. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

Leasing commitments on non-cancellable operating leases payable on leases are set out below:

	2017 €	2016 €
Not later than one year	**115,200**	265,200
Later than one year and not later than five years	**460,800**	795,600

ChildVision operate one large value lease. For the rental of residential properties from the Institute of Charity.

33. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Board of Directors have approved capital commitments amounting to €90,000 for 2018 which are not provided in the financial statements. There is a level of uncertainty regarding an aspect of capital commitment due to timings of receiving external restricted funds and when work needs to be completed.

34. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

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

35. GOING CONCERN

There is no material uncertainty about the charity's ability to continue.

36. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

ChildVision CLG is under the control of the members.

37. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors approved the financial statements on the 9th of May 2017.

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