Registered number: 602760

## LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION

(A company limited by guarantee)

# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## COMPANY INFORMATION

**Directors** 

Karl Heller Alan Rougheen Eileen Keogh Damien O'Donovan

John O'Hara Ita O'Driscoll

Company secretary

Alan Keane

Registered number

602760

Registered office

13 Oak Vale Bailis Downs Navan Co. Meath

**Charity Numbers** 

Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20158712

CHY (Revenue) Number: 22275

Independent auditor

Woods and Partners Limited

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

Cannon Street

Kells Co. Meath

**Bankers** 

Bank of Ireland St Stephen's Green

Dublin 2

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 20 October 2019.

## **Principal activities**

### Our mission

Little Blue Heroes Foundation is a not-for-profit charity operated entirely by volunteers (no paid staff) made up of Garda members/staff, retired Garda members, their families, friends and civic minded people from communities.

It aims to help families in need from local communities in Ireland who have children undergoing long-term medical treatment for serious illness. The name 'Little Blue Heroes' came about when we found that the vast amount of the children we support have a strong fascination with police uniform, equipment, vehicles, Garda units, etc. This has even led some of the children to make a wish to become an Honorary Garda and become part of the Garda family. As heroes to us with the battles they face, these children have become our Little Blue Heroes.

### What we do

Little Blue Heroes has one simple aim - to provide practical support and financial relief to families in communities who have children undergoing long-term medical treatment for serious illness. Our support generally falls into one of the below categories:

## Financial Support

We provide financial aid to support our Little Blue Heroes subject to available funding. Application for support must meet our beneficiary criteria. Little Blue Heroes Foundation only considers applications for assistance for families with children (a child as being defined under the Child Care Act 1991) with life-threatening and life-limiting condition(s) that comes under one of the four categorisation set out below:

#### Category 1

Life-threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail. Where access to palliative care services may be necessary when treatment fails or during an acute crisis, irrespective of the duration of that threat to life. On reaching long term remission or following successful curative treatment there is no longer a need for palliative care services. Examples: cancer, irreversible organ failures of heart, liver, kidney.

#### Category 2

Conditions were premature death is inevitable, where there may be long periods of intensive treatment aimed at prolonging life and allowing participation in normal activities. Examples: cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

#### Category 3

Progressive conditions without curative treatment options, where treatment is exclusively palliative and may commonly extend over many years. Examples: Batten disease, mucopolysaccharidoses.

#### Category 4

Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death. Examples: severe cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities such as following brain or spinal cord injury, complex health care needs and a high risk of an unpredictable life-threatening event or episode.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## **Honorary Garda**

We grant the wish of the children we support (under our criteria) to become Honorary Gardaí and provide Garda themed distraction toys and children's events (e.g. Garda HQ Tour) for our Little Blue Heroes.

#### **Haven For Heroes**

Where possible and subject to availability we arrange short breaks for Little Blue Hero families who would not normally get a chance to take a family holiday. This includes every year bringing 4 families to the Aran Islands with thanks to our supporters at IPA Galway, Aran Islands Ferries & Aran Islands Hotel.

## **Hospital Visits**

On the approval of Hospital Management and with the consent of parents our volunteers check in when possible on any of our Little Blue Heroes who may being staying in hospital for long periods of time for moral support and a friendly chat.

## Yule Fuel Campaign

Each Christmas we run a 'Yule Fuel' campaign to help fuel the journeys of families of children with serious illness who have hospital appointments over the festive season. Being on the road for families means needing fuel for the car, last minute food shopping for essentials, credit for phones and buying fuel for the home. Normally the only 24 hour service available to buy these things are garages along their route to and from hospital. We help to reduce some of these costs to these families who must travel our national roads by providing Gift Cards for garages to those in need.

Through creativity, listening and kindness, we make the little things matter and the big things happen.

## Company Status

The company is a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital and consequently the liability of the members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Constitution and managed by a Board of Directors. The company has been granted charitable tax status under Sections 207 and 208 of the of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, Charity Number CHY 22275 and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority CRA Number 20158712.

## Review of 2019

The year 2019 for Little Blue Heroes Foundation was a significant year for the charity in terms of community support, fundraising and more importantly the ability of the charity to support and assist families in need who have children with serious illnesses which is the core mission of the charity. The directors assess the success of this is largely to the charity diligent and competent volunteers who put great effort in supporting families and managing events, fundraising and general charity functions.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## Results and dividends

The surplus for the year, after taxation, amounted to €52,698 (2018 - €10,253).

The Company is precluded from paying a dividend.

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

Karl Heller Alan Rougheen Eileen Keogh Damien O'Donovan John O'Hara Ita O'Driscoll

## Governance and management

The company is governed by the board of directors. The board have a wide range of skills and experience. The day to day operations are managed by the board of directors who are assisted by various volunteers in the provision of the company mission. It is the intention of the company to achieve full compliance with the Governance code issued by the Charities Regulatory Authority to ensure best practice governance standards are applied.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity. The Directors are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate against exposure to the major risks. The Directors regularly review all risks of the Charity and ensure risk management processes are implemented in order to mitigate against and manage such risks.

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

- Covid-19 pandemic: The disruption caused by the pandemic continues to impact our graduations, fundraising
  and operational activities. The Charity has policies and procedures in place that prioritise the safety and
  wellbeing of our wish children and families as well as our staff and volunteers; that ensure compliance with
  government guidelines; and that support the sustainability of the organisation through this period.
- Income: The Charity relies on fundraising and donations for its income. The nature of this income is that none of it is guaranteed and that it can fluctuate significantly from year to year. The Charity manages this risk through its reserves policy and its financial management procedures. The financial review is a major section of each board meeting.
- Wish granting operations: The Charity's activities involve working with children with serious illnesses and
  their families. It is of paramount importance to the Charity that our children and their families have an enjoyable
  and safe experience with us. The Charity manages this risk through our policies and procedures; close liaison
  with the child's medical team and family; independent medical advice through the Board; and a strong focus on
  quality in all our activities.
- Data protection: The Charity receives and manages sensitive information in the course of its charitable
  activities. The Charity may be exposed to information technology security risks and cyber-crime. The Charity
  retains external consultants to assist and advise in all matters relating to compliance with General Data
  Protection Regulations (GDPR). The Charity makes ongoing efforts to address the evolving nature of cyber
  threats and the challenges posed, including the revision of internal practices and controls in this area.

## Accounting records

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the utilisation of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at 13 Oak Vale, Bailis Downs, Navan, Co. Meath.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

### Going Concern

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Management frequently meet to discuss responses to the challenges which invariably arise and hold regular meetings with volunteers and service users.

The Charity meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through its cash reserves. The current economic conditions continue to create uncertainty over the ability of the Charity to maintain the level of income received and delivery of its services. The Charity's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the Charity will be able to operate for the foreseeable future.

The directors have reasonable expectation that the company will continue in operational for twelve months from date of approval of the financial statements ("the period of assessment") and have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. In making this assessment the management considered the following:

- The company's initial assessment of impact of Covid-19 on its activities;
- · The company's funding and liquidity position; and
- · Cashflow forecasts.

The Directors are satisfied that the prepared forecasts have considered a number of sensitivities, including a range of outcomes, and that in all cases there remains sufficient mitigation measures available to the Directors to ensure that cash-flows are managed and that the Charity can continue to meet its obligations as they fall due for the period of at least 12 months from signing the financial statements. Thus the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

#### Statement on relevant audit information

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

- so far as the 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
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### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

#### Post balance sheet events

COVID-19, which has been classified by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a global pandemic, continues to have a severe socio-economic impact worldwide as well as a threat to the health of millions of people across the globe despite the welcome emergence of various vaccination programmes both internationally and locally.

The disruption caused by the pandemic continues to impact our support, fundraising and operational activities. The Charity has policies and procedures in place that prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our children and families as well as our staff and volunteers; that ensure compliance with government guidelines; and that support the sustainability of the organisation through this period. The Board are actively monitoring the issue and continue to take steps to ensure minimal impact on the activities of the Charity.

Therefore, the directors have determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations for the year ended 20 October 2019 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID 19 pandemic remains unclear at this time. The Directors believe that this pandemic will not impact the carrying value of fixed assets or other assets or the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

There have been no other significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end that would require disclosure in the financial statements.

#### Auditor

The auditors, Woods and Partners Limited, were appointed on 16 July 2020 and have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Director

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

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

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in acco#rdance with the Companies Act 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board

Heller

Director

Date:

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Little Blue Heroes Foundation (the 'Company') for the year ended 20 October 2019, which comprise the Statement of income and retained earnings, the Statement of financial position and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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', applying Section 1A of that Standard.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 20 October 2019 and of its surplus 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', applying Section 1A of that Standard; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 15 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISA (Ireland) 570 requires 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 other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION (CONTINUED)

our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the 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 and restrictions on use

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 7, 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION (CONTINUED)

## 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/Auditing-standards. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

#### Other matters

The financial statements for the year end 21 October 2018 were not subject to an audit.

## 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.

Conor Woods for and on behalf of Woods and Partners Limited Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor Cannon Street Kells Co. Meath Date:

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## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

	2019 €	18 month period ended 20 October 2018 €
Income	130,617	24,479
Administrative expenses	(77,919)	(14,226)
Surplus for the financial year	52,698	10,253
Retained earnings		££
- as previously stated	15,066	323
- correction of a prior period error	(4,813)	
At the beginning of the financial year as restated	10,253	17.0
Surplus for the financial year	52,698	10,253
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	62,951	10,253

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 20 OCTOBER 2019

	Note		2019 €		18 month period ended 20 October 2018 €
Fixed assets	1.55.55				10.75
Tangible assets	6		1,763		160
		55 <u></u>	1,763		160
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	7	64,658		10,093	
	-	64,658	-	10,093	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,470)		*	
Net current assets	-		61,188		10,093
Total assets less current liabilities		-	62,951		10,253
Net assets		_	62,951		10,253
Capital and reserves		_			
Income and expenditure account			62,951		10,253
Shareholders' funds		-	62,951		10,253

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board:

Karl Heller

Director

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Alan Rougheen

Director

Date:

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

#### 1. General information

These financial statements comprising the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes constitute the individual financial statements of Little Blue Hereos Foundation for the financial year ended 20 October 2019.

Little Blue Heroes Foundation is a company limited by Guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland under company number 602760. The registered office is 13 Oak Vale, Bailis Downs, Navan, Co. Meath, which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and it's principal activity are set out in the Directors' Report.

### Currency

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

### 2. Accounting policies

## 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2014.

The company qualifies as a small company for the period, as defined by section 280A of the Act, in respect of the financial year, and has applied the rules of the 'Small Companies Regime' in accordance with section 280C of the Act and Section 1A of FRS 102.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.2 Going concern

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#### 2.3 Income

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the income can be reliably measured. Income is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts and rebates.

## 2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.4 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings

- 10 years

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 in profit or loss.

### 2.5 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.

## 2.6 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2.7 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 debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

## 2.7 Financial instruments (continued)

to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## 3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgments estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

## Critical Judgments

The directors are of the view that there are no judgments (apart from those involving estimates) in applying their accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

## 4. Comparative figures

Some amendments have been made to the analysis of prior year figures. However these changes have not impacted on the results or net assets previously reported with the exception of the prior year adjustment as discussed in note 12.

## 5. Employees

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2018 - €NIL).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

6.	Tangible fixed assets			
				Fixtures and fittings €
	Cost or valuation			
	At 21 October 2018			160
	Additions			1,770
	At 20 October 2019			1,930
	Depreciation			S
	Charge for the year on owned assets			167
	At 20 October 2019			167
	Net book value			
	At 20 October 2019			1,763
	At 20 October 2018			160
7.	Cash and cash equivalents			
			2019	2018
			€	
	Cash at bank and in hand	=	64,658	10,093
8.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
٥.	Creditors. Amounts failing due within one year			
			2019 €	
	Accruals		3,470	€ -
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 9. Financial instruments

2019 2018 € €

Financial assets

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

64,658

10,093

Financial assets measured at fair value through surplus or deficit comprise of cash and cash equivalents.

## 10. Company status

The company is limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding €1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

#### 11. Taxation

Little Blue Heroes Foundation have been granted a charitable tax exemption and are therefore exempt from corporation tax on any surplus generated. The Charity has received an exemption from taxation as a charitable organisation and is registered under No. CHY 19236.

## 12. Prior year adjustment

The financial statements have been restated to incorporate the impact of a cut off error at the year end 21 October 2018. The income for the year end 21 October 2018 has reduced by €5,384 and expenditure has reduced by €571 to adjust for this error. In the year end 21 October 2019 the retained income and expenditure reserves have been reduced by €4,813 to correct this error.

## 13. Related party transactions

No members of the board of directors received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2018; €Nil).

No member of the board of directors or other person related to the company had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Company.

Apart from those already disclosed in the financial statement there are no other related party transactions which are required to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

### 14. Post balance sheet events

As outlined in the Directors' Report, the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions continue to impact all our activities post year end. The Board continues to actively monitor this and is taking the necessary steps to ensure minimal impact on our families and on our activities in general.

There were no other events subsequent to the reporting date which would require disclosure or amendment to the figures included in the financial statements.

#### 15. Provisions available for audits of small entities

In common with many other charities of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist in the preparation of our statutory annual financial statements.

## 16. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on

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## **DETAILED ACCOUNTS**

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## DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
Income	130,617	24,479
Less: overheads		
Administration expenses	(77,919)	(14,226)
Operating surplus	52,698	10,253
Surplus for the year	52,698	10,253

## SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

	2019	2018
	€	€
ncome		
donate / Paypal donations	8,888	5,742
Corporate Sponsorship	3,754	1 1
Fundraising Income - Community events	87,800	16,878
Court Services Donations	3,420	
Donations via Social Media	9,696	3.95
Other Donations	17,059	1,859
	130,617	24,479
	2019 €	2018
Administration expenses	•	€
Printing and stationery	1,408	719
Telephone and fax	256	#
Computer costs	750	548
Legal and professional	1,541	40
Auditors' remuneration	2,250	₽
Equipment hire	3,988	2,177
Bank charges	303	66
Sundry expenses	350	₩)
Insurances	563	800
Depreciation	167	2
Financial Aid to Families	47,444	4,000
Haven for Heroes	2,469	1,984
Garda themed events, toys and honorary uniforms	11,476	2,306
Meeting expenses	1,038	366
Family vouchers	3,916	1,220
	77,919	14,226

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## LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION

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### COMPANY INFORMATION

**Directors** 

Karl Heller Alan Rougheen Eileen Keogh Damien O'Donovan John O'Hara Ita O'Driscoll

Company secretary

Alan Keane

Registered number

602760

Registered office

13 Oak Vale Bailis Downs Navan Co. Meath

**Charity Numbers** 

Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20158712

CHY (Revenue) Number: 22275

Independent auditor

Woods and Partners Limited

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

Cannon Street Kells

Co. Meath

Bankers

Bank of Ireland St Stephen's Green

Dublin 2

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 20 October 2019.

### **Principal activities**

#### Our mission

Little Blue Heroes Foundation is a not-for-profit charity operated entirely by volunteers (no paid staff) made up of Garda members/staff, retired Garda members, their families, friends and civic minded people from communities.

It aims to help families in need from local communities in Ireland who have children undergoing long-term medical treatment for serious illness. The name 'Little Blue Heroes' came about when we found that the vast amount of the children we support have a strong fascination with police uniform, equipment, vehicles, Garda units, etc. This has even led some of the children to make a wish to become an Honorary Garda and become part of the Garda family. As heroes to us with the battles they face, these children have become our Little Blue Heroes.

#### What we do

Little Blue Heroes has one simple aim - to provide practical support and financial relief to families in communities who have children undergoing long-term medical treatment for serious illness. Our support generally falls into one of the below categories:

### **Financial Support**

We provide financial aid to support our Little Blue Heroes subject to available funding. Application for support must meet our beneficiary criteria. Little Blue Heroes Foundation only considers applications for assistance for families with children (a child as being defined under the Child Care Act 1991) with life-threatening and life-limiting condition(s) that comes under one of the four categorisation set out below:

Category 1

Life-threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail. Where access to palliative care services may be necessary when treatment fails or during an acute crisis, irrespective of the duration of that threat to life. On reaching long term remission or following successful curative treatment there is no longer a need for palliative care services. Examples: cancer, irreversible organ failures of heart, liver, kidney.

Category 2

Conditions were premature death is inevitable, where there may be long periods of intensive treatment aimed at prolonging life and allowing participation in normal activities. Examples: cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Category 3

Progressive conditions without curative treatment options, where treatment is exclusively palliative and may commonly extend over many years. Examples: Batten disease, mucopolysaccharidoses.

Category 4

Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death. Examples: severe cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities such as following brain or spinal cord injury, complex health care needs and a high risk of an unpredictable life-threatening event or episode.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

### **Honorary Garda**

We grant the wish of the children we support (under our criteria) to become Honorary Gardaí and provide Garda themed distraction toys and children's events (e.g. Garda HQ Tour) for our Little Blue Heroes.

#### **Haven For Heroes**

Where possible and subject to availability we arrange short breaks for Little Blue Hero families who would not normally get a chance to take a family holiday. This includes every year bringing 4 families to the Aran Islands with thanks to our supporters at IPA Galway, Aran Islands Ferries & Aran Islands Hotel.

### **Hospital Visits**

On the approval of Hospital Management and with the consent of parents our volunteers check in when possible on any of our Little Blue Heroes who may being staying in hospital for long periods of time for moral support and a friendly chat.

## Yule Fuel Campaign

Each Christmas we run a 'Yule Fuel' campaign to help fuel the journeys of families of children with serious illness who have hospital appointments over the festive season. Being on the road for families means needing fuel for the car, last minute food shopping for essentials, credit for phones and buying fuel for the home. Normally the only 24 hour service available to buy these things are garages along their route to and from hospital. We help to reduce some of these costs to these families who must travel our national roads by providing Gift Cards for garages to those in need.

Through creativity, listening and kindness, we make the little things matter and the big things happen.

### **Company Status**

The company is a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital and consequently the liability of the members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Constitution and managed by a Board of Directors. The company has been granted charitable tax status under Sections 207 and 208 of the of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, Charity Number CHY 22275 and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority CRA Number 20158712.

## Review of 2019

The year 2019 for Little Blue Heroes Foundation was a significant year for the charity in terms of community support, fundraising and more importantly the ability of the charity to support and assist families in need who have children with serious illnesses which is the core mission of the charity. The directors assess the success of this is largely to the charity diligent and competent volunteers who put great effort in supporting families and managing events, fundraising and general charity functions.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

### Results and dividends

The surplus for the year, after taxation, amounted to €52,698 (2018 - €10,253).

The Company is precluded from paying a dividend.

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

Karl Heller Alan Rougheen Eileen Keogh Damien O'Donovan John O'Hara Ita O'Driscoll

### Governance and management

The company is governed by the board of directors. The board have a wide range of skills and experience. The day to day operations are managed by the board of directors who are assisted by various volunteers in the provision of the company mission. It is the intention of the company to achieve full compliance with the Governance code issued by the Charities Regulatory Authority to ensure best practice governance standards are applied.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity. The Directors are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate against exposure to the major risks. The Directors regularly review all risks of the Charity and ensure risk management processes are implemented in order to mitigate against and manage such risks.

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

- Covid-19 pandemic: The disruption caused by the pandemic continues to impact our graduations, fundraising and operational activities. The Charity has policies and procedures in place that prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our wish children and families as well as our staff and volunteers; that ensure compliance with government guidelines; and that support the sustainability of the organisation through this period.
- Income: The Charity relies on fundraising and donations for its income. The nature of this income is that none of it is guaranteed and that it can fluctuate significantly from year to year. The Charity manages this risk through its reserves policy and its financial management procedures. The financial review is a major section of each board meeting.
- Wish granting operations: The Charity's activities involve working with children with serious illnesses and
  their families. It is of paramount importance to the Charity that our children and their families have an enjoyable
  and safe experience with us. The Charity manages this risk through our policies and procedures; close liaison
  with the child's medical team and family; independent medical advice through the Board; and a strong focus on
  quality in all our activities.
- Data protection: The Charity receives and manages sensitive information in the course of its charitable
  activities. The Charity may be exposed to information technology security risks and cyber-crime. The Charity
  retains external consultants to assist and advise in all matters relating to compliance with General Data
  Protection Regulations (GDPR). The Charity makes ongoing efforts to address the evolving nature of cyber
  threats and the challenges posed, including the revision of internal practices and controls in this area.

## **Accounting records**

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the utilisation of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at 13 Oak Vale, Bailis Downs, Navan, Co. Meath.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

#### Going Concern

The COVID-19 global pandemic emerged in early 2020, Little Blue Heroes Foundation has responded to the crisis in line with government guidance. Directors and volunteers have been working remotely from home, with the support of IT systems using various collaborative tools to continue their work.

Management frequently meet to discuss responses to the challenges which invariably arise and hold regular meetings with volunteers and service users.

The Charity meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through its cash reserves. The current economic conditions continue to create uncertainty over the ability of the Charity to maintain the level of income received and delivery of its services. The Charity's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the Charity will be able to operate for the foreseeable future.

The directors have reasonable expectation that the company will continue in operational for twelve months from date of approval of the financial statements ("the period of assessment") and have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. In making this assessment the management considered the following:

- The company's initial assessment of impact of Covid-19 on its activities;
- The company's funding and liquidity position; and
- Cashflow forecasts.

The Directors are satisfied that the prepared forecasts have considered a number of sensitivities, including a range of outcomes, and that in all cases there remains sufficient mitigation measures available to the Directors to ensure that cash-flows are managed and that the Charity can continue to meet its obligations as they fall due for the period of at least 12 months from signing the financial statements. Thus the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

## Statement on relevant audit information

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

- so far as the 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.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

#### Post balance sheet events

COVID-19, which has been classified by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a global pandemic, continues to have a severe socio-economic impact worldwide as well as a threat to the health of millions of people across the globe despite the welcome emergence of various vaccination programmes both internationally and locally.

The disruption caused by the pandemic continues to impact our support, fundraising and operational activities. The Charity has policies and procedures in place that prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our children and families as well as our staff and volunteers; that ensure compliance with government guidelines; and that support the sustainability of the organisation through this period. The Board are actively monitoring the issue and continue to take steps to ensure minimal impact on the activities of the Charity.

Therefore, the directors have determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations for the year ended 20 October 2019 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID 19 pandemic remains unclear at this time. The Directors believe that this pandemic will not impact the carrying value of fixed assets or other assets or the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

There have been no other significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end that would require disclosure in the financial statements.

### Auditor

The auditors, Woods and Partners Limited, were appointed on 16 July 2020 and have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

Kan Heller

Director

Date:

Alan Rougheen

Director

Date:

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Little Blue Heroes Foundation (the 'Company') for the year ended 20 October 2019, which comprise the Statement of income and retained earnings, the Statement of financial position and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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', applying Section 1A of that Standard.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 20 October 2019 and of its surplus 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', applying Section 1A of that Standard; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 15 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISA (Ireland) 570 requires 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 other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION (CONTINUED)

our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the 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 and restrictions on use

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 7, 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITTLE BLUE HEROES FOUNDATION (CONTINUED)

## 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/Auditing-standards. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

#### Other matters

The financial statements for the year end 21 October 2018 were not subject to an audit.

### 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.

Conor Woods for and on behalf of Woods and Partners Limited Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor Cannon Street Kells Co. Meath Date:

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## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

		18 month period ended
	2040	20 October
	2019 €	2018 €
Income	130,617	24,479
Administrative expenses	(77,919)	(14,226)
Surplus for the financial year	52,698	10,253
Retained earnings	-	
- as previously stated	15,066	(4)
- correction of a prior period error	(4,813)	7
At the beginning of the financial year as restated	10,253	-
Surplus for the financial year	52,698	10,253
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	62,951	10,253

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 20 OCTOBER 2019

	Note		2019 €		18 month period ended 20 October 2018 €
Fixed assets	III.				
Tangible assets	6		1,763		160
			1,763		160
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	7	64,658		10,093	
		64,658	_	10,093	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,470)		*	
Net current assets	100		61,188		10,093
Total assets less current liabilities		_	62,951		10,253
Net assets		_	62,951		10,253
Capital and reserves					
Income and expenditure account			62,951		10,253
Shareholders' funds		<del></del>	62,951		10,253

Alan Rougheen

Director.

Date:

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

#### General information

These financial statements comprising the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes constitute the individual financial statements of Little Blue Hereos Foundation for the financial year ended 20 October 2019.

Little Blue Heroes Foundation is a company limited by Guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland under company number 602760. The registered office is 13 Oak Vale, Bailis Downs, Navan, Co. Meath, which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and it's principal activity are set out in the Directors' Report.

### Currency

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

## 2. Accounting policies

## 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2014.

The company qualifies as a small company for the period, as defined by section 280A of the Act, in respect of the financial year, and has applied the rules of the 'Small Companies Regime' in accordance with section 280C of the Act and Section 1A of FRS 102.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.2 Going concern

The COVID-19 global pandemic emerged in early 2020, Little Blue Heroes Foundation has responded to the crisis in line with government guidance. Directors and volunteers have been working remotely from home, with the support of IT systems using various collaborative tools to continue their work.

Management frequently meet to discuss responses to the challenges which invariably arise and hold regular meetings with volunteers and service users.

The Charity meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through its cash reserves. The current economic conditions continue to create uncertainty over the ability of the Charity to maintain the level of income received and delivery of its services. The Charity's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the Charity will be able to operate for the foreseeable future.

The directors have reasonable expectation that the company will continue in operational for twelve months from date of approval of the financial statements ("the period of assessment") and have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. In making this assessment the management considered the following:

- The company's initial assessment of impact of Covid-19 on its activities;
- . The company's funding and liquidity position; and
- Cashflow forecasts.

The Directors are satisfied that the prepared forecasts have considered a number of sensitivities, including a range of outcomes, and that in all cases there remains sufficient mitigation measures available to the Directors to ensure that cash-flows are managed and that the Charity can continue to meet its obligations as they fall due for the period of at least 12 months from signing the financial statements. Thus the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

## 2.3 Income

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the income can be reliably measured. Income is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts and rebates.

#### 2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

## 2.4 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings

- 10 years

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 in profit or loss.

## 2.5 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.

## 2.6 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2.7 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 debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.7 Financial instruments (continued)

to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## 3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgments estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical Judgments

The directors are of the view that there are no judgments (apart from those involving estimates) in applying their accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

## 4. Comparative figures

Some amendments have been made to the analysis of prior year figures. However these changes have not impacted on the results or net assets previously reported with the exception of the prior year adjustment as discussed in note 12.

## 5. Employees

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2018 - €NIL).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

6.	Tangible fixed assets		
			Fixtures and fittings
			€
	Cost or valuation		
	At 21 October 2018		160
	Additions		1,770
	At 20 October 2019		1,930
	Depreciation		
	Charge for the year on owned assets		167
	At 20 October 2019		167
	Net book value		
	At 20 October 2019		1,763
	At 20 October 2018		160
7.	Cash and cash equivalents		
	i se	2019 €	
	Cash at bank and in hand	64,658	10,093
8.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2019 €	
	Accruals	3,470	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20 OCTOBER 2019

## 9. Financial instruments

2019 2018

Financial assets

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

64,658

10,093

Financial assets measured at fair value through surplus or deficit comprise of cash and cash equivalents.

## 10. Company status

The company is limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding €1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

#### 11. Taxation

Little Blue Heroes Foundation have been granted a charitable tax exemption and are therefore exempt from corporation tax on any surplus generated. The Charity has received an exemption from taxation as a charitable organisation and is registered under No. CHY 19236.

## 12. Prior year adjustment

The financial statements have been restated to incorporate the impact of a cut off error at the year end 21 October 2018. The income for the year end 21 October 2018 has reduced by €5,384 and expenditure has reduced by €571 to adjust for this error. In the year end 21 October 2019 the retained income and expenditure reserves have been reduced by €4,813 to correct this error.

## 13. Related party transactions

No members of the board of directors received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2018: €Nil).

No member of the board of directors or other person related to the company had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Company.

Apart from those already disclosed in the financial statement there are no other related party transactions which are required to be disclosed in the financial statements.

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## 14. Post balance sheet events

As outlined in the Directors' Report, the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions continue to impact all our activities post year end. The Board continues to actively monitor this and is taking the necessary steps to ensure minimal impact on our families and on our activities in general.

There were no other events subsequent to the reporting date which would require disclosure or amendment to the figures included in the financial statements.

## 15. Provisions available for audits of small entities

In common with many other charities of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist in the preparation of our statutory annual financial statements.

## 16. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on

## Appendix 2 – List of Related Party Transactions and Directors' transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 21 October 2019.