



Making life better for
every patient, every day

Care

Impact

Trust

Research

The Mater Hospital Foundation is dedicated to giving every patient, and every family who loves them, the very best of innovative, world-class medicine.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mater Hospital Foundation during this important year. Your generosity has helped keep the hospital at the forefront of technology, treatment and loving care.

A year of dedication and innovation



Human kindness

Patients, families and staff also rely on us for the small, but special, things that bring the touch of human kindness to hospital life. Read the whole story of how providing home comforts makes such a difference on page 4.

Income up. Costs down

The total incoming resources reported for the year ending 31st December 2014 is €3,681,918 compared with €3,603,800 in 2013. The year on year 2.16% increase was achieved with a 21% reduction in the cost of generating funds.

Public donations, legacies and similar income increased by 103% over 2013. Thanks in part to the generosity of a donor who donated half a million euro to our Cancer Appeal and a big event in memory of heart surgeon, Maurice Neligan Snr.

We are so grateful to have so many wonderful supporters who give their time and money to help make sure our patients have the very best of care, treatment and comfort at the Mater. Thank you for everything you have given during 2014.

Thank you.

Declan McCourt,
Chairman

Mary Moorhead,
Chief Executive

Cuts in public health spending may be biting deeper into the heart of hospital funding, but the Mater Hospital Foundation steps up our dedication and commitment to patients, families, and all the wonderful hospital staff.

We receive no government funding so everything we do is done with the generosity and kindness of our supporters. This Annual Report is a tribute to their devotion, energy and imagination.

Innovation

This year saw the opening of the Maurice Neligan Heart & Vascular Hybrid Operating Theatre. Named after one of the Mater's most skilled and dedicated heart surgeons, this theatre is making a dramatic difference to cardiac patients from all over Ireland. 900 patients have already undergone surgery in this innovative theatre. Experiencing less trauma, a smaller wound, faster recovery, a shorter stay in hospital and, ultimately, an all-round better outcome. You can read more about this on page 10.

How Lives are Changed

A home from home

Patients in the Synge Interim Care Unit are elderly patients completing their recovery from acute or chronic conditions. Some patients stay for weeks, so it is important that the Unit is as homely and caring as it can be. In 2014 the Mater Hospital Foundation raised funds to redecorate the dining room and sitting room with bright colours and patterns. Now they are not only lovely to be in, but are also dementia-friendly. There are oilcloths, vintage clocks, shelves, wallpaper, ornaments and radios.



For families there is now a sofa bed for each unit and a tea/coffee mobile unit. Families feel more at home and can also stay overnight with their loved ones.

At Christmas, there were decorations and lights and a Christmas party. Colourful informative leaflets regarding the units services for patients and families were also printed. Thanks to the staff of the Synge unit and all of our generous supporters for making this possible.

More independence for a paralysed young sportsman



The hearts of the many Friends of the Mater went out to a young man in his thirties. He damaged his spinal cord after playing sport and is now paralysed from the neck down. His injury is so severe that he will never be able to breath without a machine. Everything he does, or wants to do, would be limited by the ventilator - for the rest of his life.

Fortunately there is an innovative alternative to a ventilator called a Phrenic Nerve Stimulator. Funds were raised to buy the device and now the young man can more easily be moved into his wheelchair, his sense of taste and smell will improve and he won't have to worry so much about infections. Before the Friends of the Mater stepped in, the young man was facing an arduous journey overseas for his rehabilitation, but now he can start the rest of his recovery in Ireland.

Patients' wheelchair waits are over

Last year there were so many wheelchairs out of commission, it was becoming serious. Patients had to wait longer and longer to go from their wards to x-rays and other hospital appointments. All the waiting around was causing great distress and discomfort for many patients, but especially people who are frail or elderly. Then the Friends of the Mater, the Hospital Saturday Fund and the Mater Hospital Foundation stepped in and soon afterwards 20 new wheelchairs were delivered. The benefits of these chairs are immense. They are comfortable, easy to manoeuvre and there are lots of them. They are used for appointments within the hospital and also by families wanting to give their loved ones time out from the ward. The new wheelchairs and their patient passengers are now regularly seen in the reflection garden, coffee shops and other peaceful areas of the hospital.



The joy of volunteering

I volunteer for the Mater Hospital Foundation and I find it a very enjoyable experience. People come to the Mater Hospital Foundation stand to buy something or make a donation. Many stay and chat, you make friends with the other volunteers and staff. Overall it is a very enjoyable and satisfying experience.

Eithne,
Dublin 7

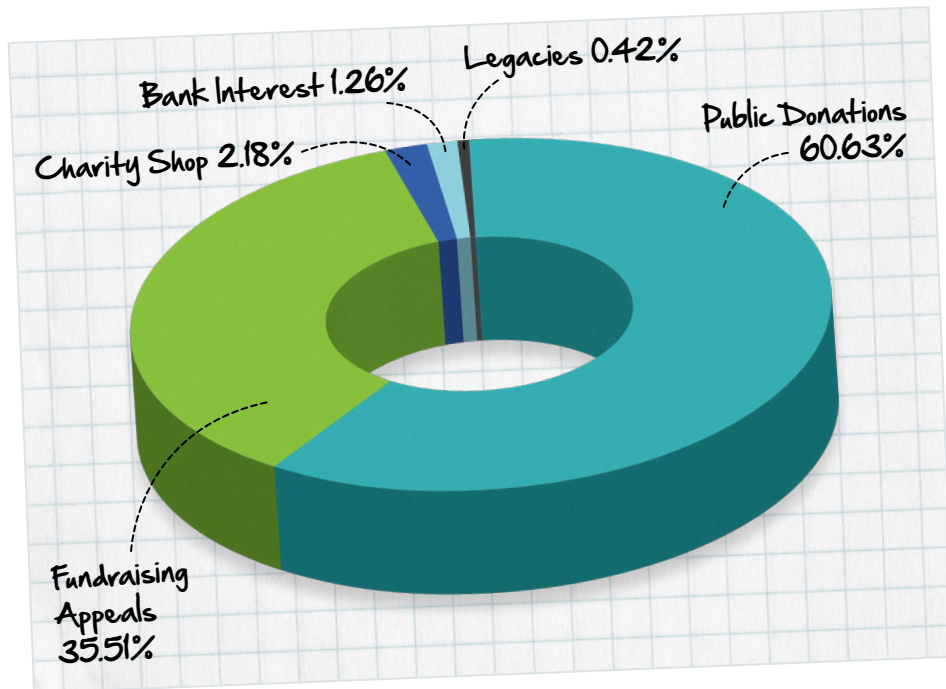
Fundraising to bring new medical research to patients at the Mater

I was first diagnosed with Melanoma in 2012 and was devastated when the cancer returned a few years later. Since then I have been under the care of Professor John McCaffrey and his team in the Mater. I can't speak highly enough of the professionalism and care that the team have given me. After being diagnosed for the second time I went on a clinical trial to give my prognosis the best possible outcome. It was then that I felt I wanted to give something back to this extraordinary hospital and I felt strongly that investing in research was the way to do this. Through the Kerry Friends of Melanoma we raised over €15,000 during a fundraising concert. This money helped fund Dr Emmet Jordan to go to Memorial Sloan Kettering in the States. Dr Jordan will bring his research results back to Ireland to make a direct impact to cancer patients being treated in the Mater.

Tom Murphy,
Co Kerry

Leading the way for patients and families

The highlight of this year is that over €2.7million was allocated in grants to the Mater Hospital. A 10% increase from 2013. The money has reached patients in all corners of the Mater Hospital to make their treatment, care and stay as easy and as comfortable as it can be.



General donations saw an increase of 269% in 2014, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

Gifts in Wills

€15,152

Thanks to the kind people who remembered the Mater Hospital Foundation in their Wills, future patients and families of the Mater Hospital will receive the benefit of the most up to date care, treatment and facilities.

Direct Marketing

€578,636

Cash donations from our wonderful supporters help make sure patients and families can enjoy home comforts, new treatments, innovative technology and skilled care.

Fundraising Events & Campaigns

€632,521

Our annual campaigns bring vital funds and raise awareness of life threatening illnesses. The fundraising events raise money for major projects throughout the year.

Trust and Corporate Income

€933,578

All the companies and their staff, sponsors, Charitable Trusts and Foundations made a huge difference to patients, and their families, who came to the hospital in 2014.

General Donations

€616,659

Last year, hundreds of people gave generously and spontaneously to support the work of the Foundation. We were delighted to receive a major donation of €500,000.

Community Fundraising

€305,632

Dedicated volunteers give their time, skills and energy to run events for the Mater Hospital Foundation in their local communities. This great group of people are essential to raising funds for our projects and also for telling others of the wonderful ways patients and the Hospital Foundation helps their families.

Charity Shop

€80,013

Sr Gerard Egan, her volunteers at the Charity Shop on Dorset Street and the friends of the Mater Committee do an amazing job of raising money for patient care within the hospital.

Other

€519,727

Careful stewardship brought in further income through banking interest and other sources to help increase total income for 2014.

Summary of Financial Statements

Income and Expenditure 2014

	2014	2013
Income	€	€
Public Donations	2,232,611	1,306,158
Legacies	15,152	6,384
Mater Hospital Charity Shop	80,013	92,751
Fundraising Appeals	1,307,601	2,011,315
GIK	0	67,750
Bank Interest	46,541	119,442
	3,681,918	3,603,800
Expenditure		
Mater Hospital Grants	2,727,868	2,479,971
Administration and Governance Costs	429,552	422,722
Charity Shop	30,895	33,911
Costs of Generating Funds	667,728	850,193
Governance Costs	17,913	7,650
	3,873,956	3,794,447

Balance Sheet

	2014	2013
Current & Fixes Assets	€	€
Fixed Assets	206,123	206,784
Current Assets	* 4,185,382	5,071,099
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	751,675	1,446,015
Net Assets	3,639,830	3,831,868

*Our current assets of €4.1m include funds raised from our main appeals which are ear-marked for on-going projects in the hospital and largely for the accounts we hold on behalf of wards and departments. These funds are committed and will be spent once sufficient funds are raised to meet the identified needs.

How funds were spent

Healthcare



€446,917 went to help fund Mater specialist nurses, doctors and other healthcare professional posts for specific projects.

Research & Education



€356,022 paid for staff training and education, which enhances frontline support to patients, families and carers. We also funded cutting-edge research to help bring the work from the laboratory to the patient and to bring international research back to the Mater Hospital.

Genetics



€15,650 helped fund the future of diagnosis, treatment and care of patients through the genetics work carried out by Dr David Gallagher and his team.

Medical Equipment



€1,048,593 to fund the Maurice Neligan Hybrid Operating Theatre, an MRI for the radiology department was part funded and a lipo-jet to assist women undergoing breast reconstruction surgery. Plus new essential equipment that allows our medics to lead the way with the most up to date technology.

Provision to Enhance Patient Care



€860,686 We fund a number of different initiatives that meet our goal of enhancing the care given to patients who are treated in the Mater Hospital.

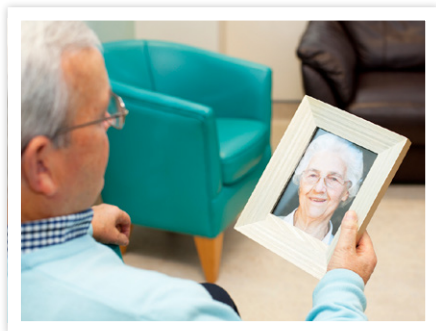
Just over €2.7million was spent directly on making hospital life better for patients and families every day in 2014.

Making hard days easier for everyone – the 4 pillars of our work

Care

“We were waiting on the corridor to see our mother who was dying. We felt exposed. It was like a fish bowl. Everyone could see we were upset and that someone was dying belonging to us. There was no privacy.”

– Bridget



Being without privacy, or unable to take a break from the sadness of a life coming to an end, causes deep distress and heartbreak. Each ward of the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, especially the acute care wards, needs an **End of Life family room**. These are private spaces where families can comfort each other, speak with the multidisciplinary care team, have family meetings or simply get away from the clinical area. Family rooms help ward staff to offer the best possible care to families and patients during a very difficult time. Thanks to donations to our End of Life Care Appeal, three new family rooms in the Mater Hospital are now open to families like Bridget's.

Treatment

The Maurice Neligan Heart and Vascular Hybrid Theatre is the first hybrid theatre in a public hospital in Ireland. It is already helping patients wait less time for their operations and go home earlier. Cardiac radiologists, vascular surgeons and cardiac surgeons are now able to carry out different procedures on one patient in the same room. So patients need fewer anaesthetics and operations, which also means less distress. The theatre ensures better survival rates for patients and a quicker return to normal.



A hybrid operating theatre is a large operating theatre, which is contained within the sterile environment of a theatre department. Unlike other operating theatres it has large, very high quality computerised x-ray imaging equipment that is fixed within the theatre. This allows the surgeons to carry out complex procedures, which are partially x-ray based

and partially surgery based. Hence the term hybrid. Over 900 patients have been treated in the theatre since it opened in 2014.

Diagnosis

“When you have a family history of premature sudden cardiac death, you need family screening. This often involves genetics counselling and gene sequencing. Only then can we personalise the treatment and track potentially dangerous gene mutations through families to see who else is at risk and needs protection.”

– Dr Joe Galvin Consultant Cardiologist at the Mater Hospital



Every week, one person under the age of 35 dies suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition. Funded by the Mater Hospital Foundation, the Family Heart Screening Clinic offers screening to families who have experienced a Sudden Cardiac Death, SADS (Sudden Adult Death Syndrome) or those who have survived a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. It's a free screening service for undiagnosed, inherited, heart conditions. In 2014 the Clinic screened its 1000th family and over 6,000 family members have used this vital service.

Research



In 2014 the Mater Hospital Foundation's **Breast Cancer Research programme** raised funds to support Professor Malcolm Kell and his team. They are working on improving the quality of life for patients after breast cancer reconstruction surgery. Including some new and novel ideas that will improve the whole experience of being a breast cancer patient at the Mater before, during and after surgery.

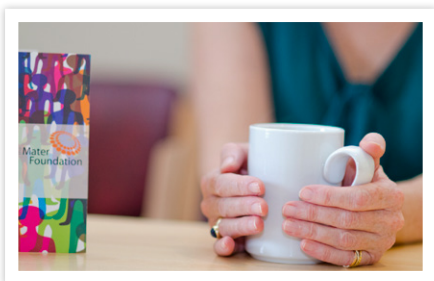
The research is focused on “well-being” and uses an interesting new method to measure quality of life after breast cancer treatment. In addition to this Professor Kell is using a novel method of breast reconstruction. The patient's fat cells are harvested and then re-injected to rebuild her breasts. This can correct some of the problems caused by surgery and radiotherapy and helps the tissue to heal more normally.

The results of **Professor Kell's research** go directly from the lab bench to the operating table in the Mater Hospital. So that breast cancer patients can recover and get back to normal as easily as possible after their treatment.

Expert Care for the Future

Dear Supporters

Every minute of every day during 2014, the Mater Hospital Foundation brought patients and families the very best of comfort, care and innovative, world-class medicine. Looking forward to 2015 we will continue going that extra mile to make sure patients receive the best of everything we can give, from diagnosis to treatment and care.



During the next twelve months patients and their families will benefit from ...

- More End of Life family rooms so that three more peaceful and quiet rooms will open in 2015. These dedicated family rooms offer a quiet space for families to get away from the busy ward, have family meetings, meet with their multi-disciplinary care team, simply be alone or make a cup of tea.
- The opening of a new Cancer Day Unit for the hospital, The Carney Unit (formerly St Vincent's Day Ward). The Unit treats over 200 patients a week and will be equipped to the highest clinical standards to offer a state-of-the-art cancer service at the Mater Hospital. Patients will enjoy more privacy and



dignity during their hours in hospital. We also hope that the Cancer Appeal at the Mater Hospital Foundation can fund even more equipment and staff training for the new Unit.

- The Men's Cancer Alliance (MCA) will be creating more awareness about men's cancer and the treatments and supports available. In 2015 the MCA will be carrying out a research and public awareness survey through the summer. This will assess men's general knowledge of the cancers that affect them and focus their awareness on symptoms and common signs of cancer. The MCA will also deliver a number of national campaigns to inform and mobilise men to do more to prevent cancer or seek treatment earlier.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Mater Hospital Foundation Team

First call for patient's specialist care

Patients with spinal injuries

The Mater Hospital is home to Ireland's National Spinal Injuries Unit. This National Unit leads the way in treatment and care of patients after spinal trauma, spinal tumors and spinal surgery.

The most common injuries patients in the Unit suffer from are due to road traffic accidents or sports accidents. Most often rugby or horse riding accidents. Many patients who attend the Unit are young men and women, like the sportsman on page 4, who have suffered severe spinal cord damage.

The National Spinal Injuries Appeal is our newest appeal at the Mater Hospital Foundation. After such life changing injuries patients need their surgeons, doctors, nurses and multi-disciplinary team to provide the very latest in world-class care. The first priority is to fund a custom-made spinal operating table to make surgery easier and safer for patient and surgeon. The specialised design means that the surgeon can move easily around the patient and can take full body x-ray images

of the patient's spinal column and spinal cord without having to stop-and re-start the operation.

Heart transplant patients

The Mater Hospital is the national centre for heart and lung transplantation in Ireland. The 2015 Heart & Lung Appeal wants to buy a new piece of equipment called a 'Site Rite' used for taking biopsies from patients who have received a new heart. The Site Rite means the biopsy will be quicker and safer for patients than the existing procedure and will reduce much of the discomfort.

Patients in the McGivney Wing

In 2015 the Mater Hospital Foundation will be working on a joint project with the Hospital to upgrade the wards in the McGivney Wing to match the facilities in the new Whitty Wing. The first major job is to renovate the bathrooms on four 6 bed-roomed wards to include state of the art wet rooms suitable for elderly and disabled patients.



The Mater Hospital Foundation; where patient care always comes first

The Mater Hospital Foundation believes that healthcare is a basic human right. We strive to raise funds on behalf of the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital to enhance patient care and act as responsible stewards of the resources we raise.

Every day we ...

- Put the care and treatment of patients first
- Are transparent and accountable to our patients, staff, families, supporters and the general public
- Respect and value everyone in the hospital and outside it.



The Mater Hospital Foundation was set up in 1985. It is a registered charity and is a company limited by guarantee. We are autonomous and not a subsidiary of the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. The company has charitable status (Registered Charity No: CHY 9768) and all income is used for the promotion of our charitable objectives.

The voluntary Board of Directors (Council Members) meets a minimum of four times a year and has overall responsibility for the strategic development and policy of the company. The Directors, all of whom are non-executive, are drawn from diverse backgrounds in business and the professions and bring a broad range of experience and skills to the Council. The secretary also sits on the committee but has no voting rights.

The Board of Directors is responsible for providing leadership, setting strategy and ensuring control. The Chief Executive manages the operation of the company and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the office including the recruitment and supervision of staff.

The Mater Hospital Foundation believes in the need to attract the best professional fundraising staff and committed volunteers to achieve our vision and objectives. We allocate resources annually towards staff training and development.



A very big thank you for everything



Donors

Thank you to each and every one of our donors for your contribution to the work of the Mater Hospital Foundation in 2014.

Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for your tireless efforts for the Mater Hospital Foundation. Know that you greatly benefit patient care in the Mater Hospital.

Friends of the Mater

A sincere thanks to the Friends of the Mater committee for all your hard work, in particular selling Christmas cards and organising events.

Mater Charity Shop

A special thank you to Sr. Gerard Egan and all the volunteers who generously give their time in the Mater Charity Shop on Dorset Street, and to everyone who has donated to the shop.

Hospital Staff

Thank you for generously giving your time, your valuable feedback and actively supporting fundraising initiatives for the hospital.

Council Members

We would like to thank the Mater Hospital Foundation Council Members and Ordinary Members for their on-going commitment and dedication in shaping the direction of the Mater Hospital Foundation:

- Mr Declan McCourt (*Chairman*)
- Mr Joe Bannon
- Ms Anne Carrigy
- Prof Conor O'Keane
- Prof Pat Wall
- Ms Marian Gale
- Ms Eimear Mulhern
- Prof Tim Lynch
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