

Impact Report 2018

The heart of the Mater is you



St Monica Ward Family Room Opening in 2018

Welcome to the Mater...

The future is in your hands

The Mater Foundation believes that healthcare is a basic human right. We were established in 1985 to raise funds on behalf of the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, to enhance care for public patients and act as responsible stewards of the funds we raise.

We are a registered charity and we have a voluntary board of directors who have the overall responsibility for the strategic development and policy of the Foundation and meet a minimum of five times a year. Our directors bring a wide range of skills from the business and professional sector, and adhere to the most stringent of governance codes. Our Chief Executive, Mary Moorhead, manages the Foundation and the day to day running of the business.

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 Mater Hospital and in the wider community.

We're delighted to have you with us.

Every year, when we come to put together our Impact Report, we are humbled by your commitment and generosity. This year in particular we have been reminded that it is the drive, passion and determination of our supporters that bring patients at The Mater Hospital the lifesaving care they deserve.

Medical research and science never stand still: they are constantly developing, changing and improving. And every breakthrough and innovation brings benefit to all of us.

Thanks to you, a groundbreaking research project is being funded by the Mater Foundation – the only one of its kind in the world. Professor Amanda McCann and her team are looking to develop new and improved treatment for triple negative breast cancer, which will bring new hope to patients across Ireland, and eventually the world.

What we do...



Your continued commitment to medical research and advances help keep The Mater Hospital at the forefront of world-class treatment; a place where everybody, irrespective of their means, will receive the very best medical care possible.

Our supporters' kindness doesn't stop at the laboratory doors, though. This year, we have been immensely proud to fund the opening of four new Family Rooms, including one dedicated to the memory of 20-year-old James Gill, who saw that private rooms were vital to families supporting loved ones in hospital at the most difficult of times.

The Gill family, and in particular James' parents, Geraldine and Declan, have been tireless in their fundraising for the Family Room in Our Lady's Ward, raising over €30,000 to help honour James' dying wish.

With three other Family Rooms also open in 2018, this year we have seen the combined efforts of so many generous supporters bring comfort and solace to families who are supporting critically ill loved ones, some in their final days and hours.

More Family Rooms are planned for the future, and our long-term goal is for there to be one for every ward in the hospital. The Mater is proud to be a family hospital, and we are so grateful to you for helping fulfil the needs of both patients and their loved ones.

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we achieved some amazing successes in 2018, including granting €257,976 for facilities and medical equipment, €175,018 for specialised staff, and €885,976 for education and training.

But we must roll up our sleeves and keep going, as there is still so much more to do as we look to 2019 and the challenges beyond.

We are eternally grateful for everything our supporters do for the patients who depend on The Mater Hospital.



Mary Moorhead & Neil Bannon.

Mary Moorhead, Chief Executive
Neil Bannon, Chair

Bringing hope to families across Ireland

- A potential new breakthrough for a hard-to-reach cancer
- Your support helps make this research possible
- Research seeks to develop new breast cancer treatment



Caitriona with her youngest child, Gavin.

As a committed supporter of the Mater Foundation, you'll know how important research is to the future of medical treatment and care.

So, a key achievement this year has been the groundbreaking research being carried out by Professor Amanda McCann and her team, into treatments for triple negative breast cancer.

Most breast cancers test positive for one of three hormone "receptors". A positive test for one of these receptors determines which course of treatment will be most effective. If the tumour tests negative for all three, the cancer is called triple negative.

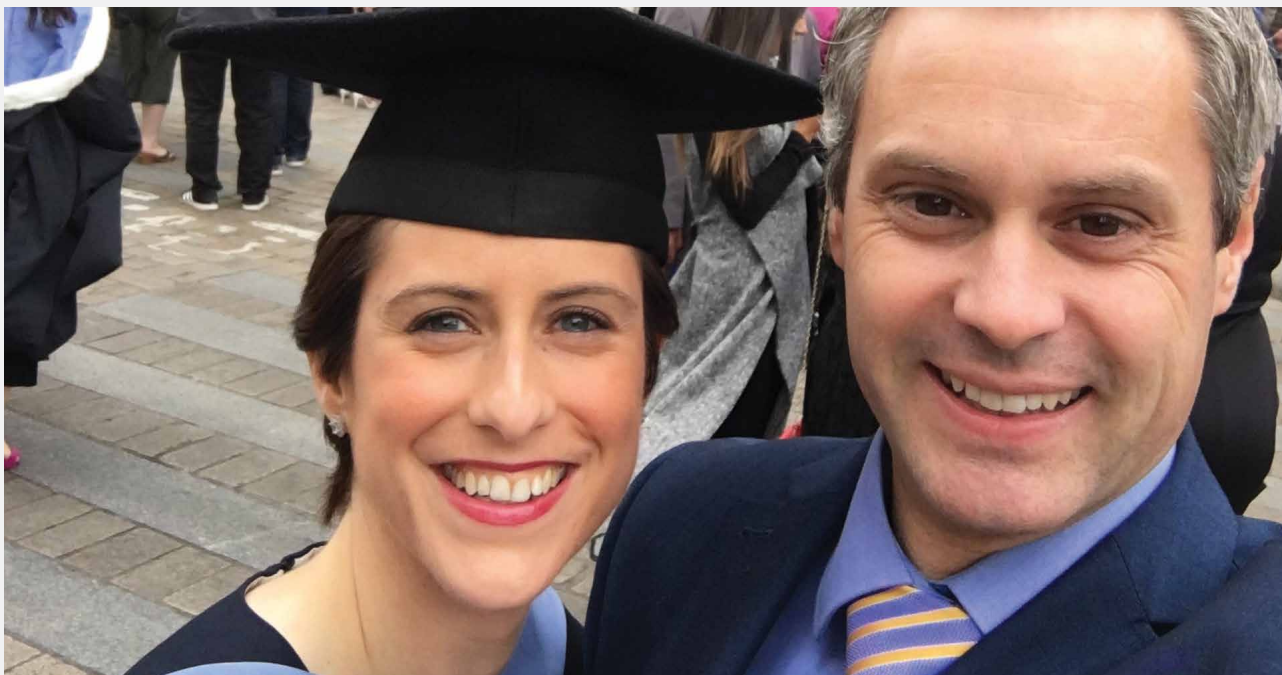
About 10% of all breast cancers are triple negative, and they are particularly hard to treat. Professor McCann's research is focused on finding a "signature" biomarker, which is a biological molecule that shows the presence of a disease like cancer. If the team can do that, then it will be possible to develop a new treatment protocol capable of targeting that signature.

"What we do is going to make a difference in the long-term, so that women will be able to respond better to certain types of chemotherapy."

– Professor Amanda McCann

It will make you proud to learn that Professor McCann and her team are the only researchers in the world focusing on this aspect of triple negative breast cancer – and she is grateful to the Foundation for supporting her research.

Professor McCann is determined that her research will lead to more positive outcomes for Caitriona Plunkett and other women like her, diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer.



Caitriona refused to put her life on hold; completing her Masters during her chemotherapy treatment. Caitriona & her husband Conor celebrated her graduation together.

“ The relationship with the Mater Foundation has been wonderful. I genuinely cannot say enough about them. They have been there consistently and it has been amazing what they have made possible for me in my research. ”

– Professor Amanda McCann

Caitriona is a mother of two from Dublin and was just 34 years old when she found a lump on her breast. She went through surgery and chemotherapy at The Mater Hospital, where she received the best and most up-to-date treatment, including nipple-sparing breast reconstruction.

Caitriona has now been given the all-clear, and the plasma samples she gave will help Professor McCann and her team develop

their research. Our supporters are key to enabling this collaboration between patients, doctors and scientists.

Together, we’re creating a future in which more people like Caitriona get the best treatment available, and have the chance to live their lives to the full.

How generosity helped save Deirdre's life

- Thanks to our supporters, Deirdre received lifesaving treatment
- Now she wants to fundraise to give something back



Cancer was the last thing Deirdre expected. She lost her hair during chemotherapy, but the team at The Mater kept her smiling.

Deirdre Ruane was a fit and otherwise healthy 33-year-old when she was diagnosed with an aggressive tumour in her chest. She began chemotherapy the same day and spent the next year having treatment.

During what was a painful and distressing time for her and her family, Deirdre received excellent care at The Mater.

"The nurses all work so hard and they're brilliant. They're people I'll always remember."

Her positive experience has inspired Deirdre to give back, so that others can benefit from the same quality of care she received. Deirdre is raising funds for

The Mater by doing what she dreamed of throughout her treatment, hiking in the great outdoors.

"If someone does something nice for me, I like to give something back and saving your life is the most important thing someone could do."

Deirdre is attempting to climb 12 mountains in 12 months in 2019. With each hike she hopes to bring cancer survivors together to talk about their experiences.

The Mater offers the highest levels of patient treatment and care. And we are always developing new ways to look after our patients, and their families. Thank you for helping us give people like Deirdre lifesaving treatment.



Deirdre is climbing 12 mountains in 12 months to raise funds for more cancer patients like her.

Helping save families from heartbreak

- **Heart screening saves lives**
- **Áine had no idea she had an inherited heart condition**
- **With your support, more families will be protected**

Every week, at least one family in Ireland suffers the tragedy of losing a loved one under 35 to an unidentified inherited heart condition. We're determined to do everything we can to improve that statistic, and in 2018, €129,160 was granted to our Family Heart Screening Clinic to help find these hidden killers. As a result, 1,373 people were treated in the clinic last year, 892 of them new patients, and many of whom have now received specialist care that will save their lives.

Áine McHugh was one of those patients.

After her sister had a seizure, Áine's whole family was screened. She and several of her relatives, including her own small daughter Millie, were found to have Long QT Syndrome, which is potentially fatal and has no symptoms.

Thanks to the Family Heart Screening Clinic, Áine and her family are receiving the very best, preventative care – and are safe and well.

She has even taken on a walking challenge to help raise funds for The Mater.

Thanks to our supporters, more Irish families with inherited heart conditions are being cared for. We're so grateful.



Áine and family are on preventative treatment thanks to heart screening.

“ I could run a hundred miles and think nothing of it. The Mater saved my life. They saved my family's lives. ”

Helping bring comfort to families in need



Family Rooms offer dignity and privacy.

- **Thanks to our supporters, we now have 14 Family Rooms in the hospital**
- **They are vital places of peace and togetherness**

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, a key success for us this year has been the opening of four new Family Rooms.

It's so important for there to be spaces within The Mater for patients, families and their medical teams to be able to meet and talk in private. Our patients' dignity and wellbeing – and that of their loved ones – are of the highest priority, particularly when it comes to end-of-life care.

One of the new rooms was opened in memory of James Gill, who sadly died of a rare form of liver cancer when he was

“ All too often, clinical staff such as myself break the hearts of patients and families by delivering bad news. Without these rooms, a family may have to hear bad news in a public corridor. The Family Rooms offer a private space for families to communicate and spend time together. ”

– Des O'Neill, Clinical Nurse Manager



This bright and beautiful new Family Room on Our Lady's Ward is one of four opened in 2018 thanks to you.

just 20. His family have been tireless in their fundraising, and contributed to an investment of €32,972 for the new room in Our Lady's Ward because during the three years of his treatment, James came to feel strongly that private spaces were crucial. Our Lady's Ward Family Room reflects the generosity and bravery of James, who had expressed a strong desire to help provide

“ Even at night when patients can't sleep because they're worried and they don't want to wake anyone up, it's just a lovely room to go in, make a cup of tea, as if you're at home. ”

– Geraldine Gill, James' Mum

private spaces for the families of sick patients in hospitals, before his passing. They give patients and their families a place to talk, laugh, cry and just be quiet together. They are vital places of peace in the sometimes frenetic atmosphere of a busy hospital.

Many families spend long hours at the hospital with their loved ones, providing vital comfort and support to patients as they go through treatment.

With further fundraising planned, our goal within The Mater Hospital is for each ward to have its own Family Room, which is a key development in our ongoing commitment to give our patients and the people who love them the very best care possible.

The future of surgery in Ireland

- **It's time for this technology to be available to all public patients in Ireland**
- **Acquiring Robotics will require significant investment**
- **It represents best surgical practice and will significantly improve patient outcomes**



Dr Kieran O'Malley believes every patient deserves world-class care.

"I have experienced first-hand the transition from open surgeries to ones performed with the robot. Medicine evolves so quickly; with the extensive experience of The Mater's surgeons, we are well positioned to be at the forefront. This is going to impact on the delivery of surgery forever here."

– Dr Kieran O'Malley, Consultant Urologist

We have a great opportunity to bring robotic surgical technology to The Mater Hospital for the benefit of the public patients.

Our surgeons have gained expertise of robotic-assisted surgery through private and international practice, and a successful fundraising campaign will enable the most comprehensive Robotic Surgical Programme in Ireland, encompassing a high volume of surgeries across multiple disciplines, a surgical unit and a teaching and training centre.

In robotic surgery, the surgical instruments are held by the arms of a robot and controlled by the surgeon using an operating console.

These dual-console robots allow surgeons to perform minimally-invasive procedures, giving patients better outcomes – including shorter hospital stays, reduced blood loss and less risk of infection.

The Robotic Surgery Programme will have three phases, the first of which is to acquire a dual-console robot. The total cost of the project is €5 million, with extensive fundraising planned.

With your support, we will make sure that public patients from all over Ireland have access to the lifesaving treatment we all deserve.

The Donor Charter, our promise to supporters

This donor charter is our way of highlighting that we are committed to openness and transparency, and also our commitment to the Statement of Guiding Principles of Fundraising. As a donor to the Mater Foundation you have the right:

- To know that your donation will be used for the purpose intended.
 - To know that all general donations or any surplus in specific appeals will be used for such purposes as the Board of the Mater Foundation judge will best advance its priorities of patient care in the hospital.
 - To be assured of the Foundation's commitment to keep administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum.
 - To know who is sitting on the Foundation's governing board, and that the board will exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities.
 - To have access to the most recently published financial accounts on request.
 - To expect that all relationships with individuals representing the Mater Foundation will be professional and informed, whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the Mater Foundation or hired third party agents.
 - To have available, upon request, the agreed procedures for making and responding to complaints.
 - To be assured that your rights to privacy will be respected, including your right to have your details deleted from our donor database if requested and to know that there is full compliance with the Data Protection Acts.
 - To receive appropriate acknowledgment, recognition, and publicity for your donation in consultation with the donor, while also respecting anonymity if requested.
 - To receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers to questions you might have.
 - To be kept informed of the impact of your support and the Mater Foundation's evolving needs and priorities.
- The Mater Foundation is grateful for support from individuals, groups and businesses. It is not enough that we uphold what is expected of us by law; we intend to do our very best to provide the best services and to show the utmost respect to our donors.
- Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment and support.

Making a mark on the future

- See the difference a legacy can make
- Taking care of future generations
- As little as 1% of your estate can make a lasting difference



Ursula wanted even more people to benefit from the Mater's lifesaving heart research.

Gifts in Wills allow our supporters to continue to look after the people and cause they care most about, after they're gone.

More and more of our supporters are choosing to leave a gift in their Will to the Mater Foundation, once their loved ones have been taken care of. They know that their gift, no matter its size, will help patients at The Mater Hospital and look after the health of patients for generations to come.

Ursula Rooney left a legacy gift to The Mater to support cardiac research. Ursula was treated at The Mater Hospital's cardiac research unit and in her 70s she had a lifesaving operation to replace a heart valve. The care she received later inspired her to include a gift in her Will.

"My sister was very thoughtful and caring. And she enjoyed life to the full, let me tell you. She felt that if she could help somebody else like her through this research, then that would be something."

– Marie, Ursula's sister

Dr Emer Joyce is leading the research project that Ursula's legacy has funded, which will look at the overall prevalence of advanced heart failure in Ireland.

"This research will allow us to provide an advanced level of cardiac care to everyone in Ireland who needs it. This will improve not just the years in their life, but the life in their years. And it's all thanks to Ursula's wonderful gift."

– Dr. Emer Joyce

Legacy gifts like Ursula's make a significant impact on research funding every year. We're so grateful to all those who choose this powerful way to look to the future, and help us continue as Ireland's leading public hospital.

How funds are raised

- **Our Mater family of supporters raised a phenomenal €2.8 million in 2018**
- **From taking part in events to leaving a lasting legacy, advancements in research, equipment and patient care are only made possible thanks to our supporters**

Gifts in Wills

A powerful way to protect the health of future generations, we are hugely grateful to all those who remember us with a legacy gift.

Direct Marketing

Donations from our wonderful supporters, including monthly donations, help make sure patients and families can receive the very best care, including new treatments and innovative technology.

Fundraising Events & Campaigns

Our events and campaigns are key to raising awareness about potentially life-threatening diseases and conditions. We are so grateful to everybody who takes part in an event and helps raise vital funds.

Major Donations

The commitment and vision of our major donors makes a huge impact on the way we deliver improvements to patient care at The Mater Hospital. Thank you so much for your support.

Trust and Corporate Donations

We are hugely grateful to all the companies and businesses, and their employees, who do so much to support our work through sponsorship, volunteering and donations.

General Donations

Last year hundreds of friends gave generously and spontaneously to support the Foundation.

Continued Overleaf...

Community Fundraising

The dedicated volunteers who raise funds for the Foundation through events in their communities are a vital and treasured part of the wider Mater team.

Charity Shop

Sr Gerard Egan's wonderful Dorset Street shop continues to be a vital hub for fundraising. We are so grateful to Sr Egan and her volunteers for their tireless work.

Other

Banking interest and careful stewardship helped increase our income further during 2018.

How funds were invested



Medical Equipment and Facilities

€ 175,018

Essential equipment and best practice technology allow our medical teams to deliver the highest levels of patient care.



Education and Training

€ 885,976

Education and training for staff is vital to our commitment to offering patients the very best medical treatment and care. As well as being a centre of care, The Mater Hospital is also a centre of learning. In order to provide world-class care for every patient, it is vital that healthcare professionals have access to cutting edge processes, techniques and models of care. The Mater Foundation is proud to support this advancement of patient care.



Research and Clinical Trials

€ 273,025

People are the heart of The Mater, and they deserve the very best care possible. We invest in The Mater Hospital so it can continue to deliver outstanding patient care.



Specialist Staff

€ 257,976

Each year, we provide grants to specialist doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who can bring us new and improved treatments and developments in patient care.

Summary of Financial Statements

Income and Expenditure 2018

	2018	2017
	€	€
Income		
Fundraising	2,809,421	2,643,815
Other trading activities	51,697	63,902
Income from investments	2	5
	2,861,120	2,707,722

Expenditure

Raising funds	1,432,261	1,313,705
Charitable activities	1,618,415	1,561,758
Other trading activities	48,820	48,884
	3,099,496	2,924,347

Balance Sheet

Current & Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets	7,665	8,434
Current Assets	3,435,267	3,642,276

Current Liabilities

Creditors	303,035	272,437
Net Assets	3,139,897	3,378,273

" I never thought I'd experience joy again. I never thought I'd wake up in the morning and have such purpose. I look at things through different eyes now, because I'm looking at them with Brogan's eyes too. Thank you so much for everything you've done and continue to do to support this amazing hospital. "



Thanks to our supporters, Ciara received lifesaving treatment after being diagnosed with a spinal tumour. She has made a complete recovery and gone on to have her beautiful baby daughter, Brogan.

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