

# Annual Report

Charity registered under section 39 or section 40 of the Charities Act 2009

<b>Submission Number:</b>	SR81989
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## Charity Details

<b>Charity Number</b>	<b>20082512</b>
<b>Charity Name</b>	<b>COPD Support Ireland CLG</b>

## Charity Governance

<b>Your organisation determined that:</b>	it does not need to meet the Additional Standards of the Charities Governance Code
<b>At this time, our organisation</b>	has complied with all sections of the Charities Governance Code

## Activities

<b>Annual Return for Period</b>	01-01-2021 to 31-12-2021
<b>Due Date</b>	31/10/2022
<b>Activities</b>	Advice/advocacy/information Welfare of those in need because of youth, age, ill health or disability

## Description of Activities

2021 was another challenging year for COPD Support Ireland as the COVID-19 global pandemic continued to place people living with COPD at very high risk of severe illness. Most of the 33 local COPD Support groups continued to exercise extreme caution and delay resuming face-to-face classes, despite much of the general population gradually resuming normal activities. In October 2021, a small number of groups decided to resume face-to-face classes, however this was short lived with a new wave of COVID-19 and they returned to either isolating or meeting virtually. In 2021 we delivered 10 virtual COPD support groups, running weekly exercise and peer-to-peer support nationally and 4 virtual SingStrong - singing for lung health classes each week. During 2021 we met regularly with members of the National Group Representative forum, comprised of representatives from 20 of our 33 local COPD groups around Ireland, to keep them updated with the latest information on the pandemic and to understand how best to meet their needs during the year. One area that was identified as a challenge for the members was maintaining their mental health during this prolonged isolation from their friends, family, and local COPD support group. COPDSI partnered with 2 Clinical Psychologists to deliver a 6-week mental wellness webinar series which was oversubscribed for the 100 place capacity. This was reported to be hugely beneficial by attendees with a resounding request for additional mental wellness resources.

Despite our best efforts to support access to technology for this older population, engagement with the virtual classes and education was limited compared with face-to-face, however, those that did access it found it hugely beneficial. This is a quote from a member who participated in our virtual exercise classes in 2021 "The classes are always within our limits ...The COPD organisation, has for me, been life giving, and I thank you for all your efforts on my behalf." This was due to 2021 being the highest level of staffing in the organisation's history with 2.5 WTE supporting the local groups thanks to the generous grants from the Community foundation RTE does Comic Relief and the Rethink Ireland - Ignite MidWest funds.

During 2021, COPDSI participated in the HSE Community Vaccine Network, with a two-way flow of information around the COVID-19 vaccination campaign, infection prevention and control measures and COVID-19 therapeutics. World COPD Day was again a virtual patient conference, with over 350 registrations for the 6 patient education sessions delivered via Zoom. We partnered with the HSE Respiratory National Clinical Programme to create and share infographics on the roles of different health and social care professionals involved in management of COPD. These were disseminated across social media with a great response.

We continued to support the Asthma Society of Ireland in the delivery of the HSE funded COPD Adviceline in 2021. Tasked to help grow its utilisation in the COPD population, the COPD adviceline was promoted across all paid and unpaid World COPD Day advertising resulting in the highest number of first-time calls to the COPD adviceline in October and November of 2021.

Overall, 2021 was a very challenging year for us, but it was also the most resourced year since inception, with improved core staffing and subsequent capacity to deliver a higher standard of service to better meet the needs of this very vulnerable population during COVID-19.

<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Those suffering from disease, disorders and ill-health
<b>Provides Direct Service to Individuals</b>	No
<b>Fees Charged for Direct Service</b>	No

**Fee Structure & consideration/selection process****Beneficiary Selection Process****Average No Full Time Employees** 1**Average Part Time Employees** 2**No. of Volunteers** 10-19**Financials****Total Income** €192,308.00

From Government/ Local Authorities €17,157.00

From Other Public Bodies €0.00

From Philanthropic organisations €81,692.00

From Donations €91,935.00

**Donation Income Types** Corporate  
Fundraising events  
Sponsorship

From Bequests €0.00

From trading and commercial activities €1,524.00

From Other Sources €0.00

**Description of Other Sources****Total Expenditure** €165,043.00

Salary Expenditure €65,853.00

Other Expenditure	€99,190.00
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period</b>	<b>€27,265.00</b>

#### Assets and Liabilities at the end of the financial period

Cash at Bank and in Hand	€198,419.00
Other Assets	€5,797.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>€204,216.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>€124,012.00</b>
<b>Net Assets / (Liabilities)</b>	<b>€80,204.00</b>

#### Audit Details

Have the financial statements been audited	Yes
	The audit report was unmodified (i.e. a clean report)

#### International Transfers

Total income received by the charity from outside the State during the financial year	€0.00
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Select countries from which income was received

Total funds spent or transferred outside the State by the charity during the financial year	€0.00
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Select countries to which funds were transferred

Select method(s) used to transfer funds outside the State

#### Attachments

Type	Description	Barcode
Set of Audited Accounts	211231 A1.1 COPD Support Ireland CLG SFS SIGNED.pdf	BC256789

#### Declaration

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<b>Filer Declaration Made:</b>	Yes

\* I am authorised to make this submission on behalf of the charity trustees;

\* All the information in this submission has been approved by the charity trustees and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge;

\* I have read and accept the Charities Regulator's Data Protection Notice.