

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland

Reports and Consolidated
Financial Statements
For the Financial Year ended
31 December 2014

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

**REPORTS AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patrick Stronge (Chairman)
Patrick Bannon
Tom Cronin
Dara Deering
Sarah Dempsey
Marcella Flood
Bryan Harty (Deputy Chairman)
Manfred Huschka
Mark Mitchell
Seán Murphy
Edel O’Kelly
Dr Kilian Smith

CHIEF EXECUTIVE & COMPANY SECRETARY

Ava Battles

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Paul Hogan
William Lonergan
Allen O’Connor

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Martin Nolan (Chairman)
Bryan Harty
Manfred Huschka
Seán Murphy
Patrick Stronge
Memory Chipere (in attendance)
Ava Battles (in attendance)

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

AUDITOR	Deloitte Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche House Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2
PRINCIPAL BANKERS	Bank of Ireland College Green Dublin 2
SOLICITORS	Joynt & Crawford 8 Anglesea Street Dublin 2
REGISTERED OFFICE	80 Northumberland Road Dublin 4
CHARITY NUMBER	CHY 5365
CHARITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY NUMBER	20007867
COMPANY NUMBER	296573
DATE OF INCORPORATION	19 th November 1998
YEAR THE SOCIETY WAS FOUNDED	1961

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

In this report the Directors of The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland ("MS Ireland" or "the Society") present its activities, governance, achievements and finances for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Mission Statement

"to enable and empower those affected by MS to live the life of their choice to their fullest potential".

- To facilitate People with MS (hereinafter referred to as "PwMS") to control their lives and environment, to live with dignity and participate in the community;
- To provide support for the families and carers of PwMS;
- To co-operate with the medical, scientific, social and caring professions to promote scientific research into the causes of, cure for and management of MS, and the alleviation of medical and social symptoms;
- To exchange and disseminate information relating to MS;
- To provide an identifiable focal point by developing an efficient, effective and caring organisation to serve the needs of People affected by MS (hereinafter referred to as "PaMS").

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Board

The Society is directed by a voluntary Board which comprises people with varied backgrounds, some with MS. Its function is to provide leadership, develop strategy, formulate effective policies and oversee their implementation, ensure good governance and financial control. The Board is provided with regular financial and operational information.

Detailed budgets are prepared in line with the Strategic Plan (2012 – 2014) and are reviewed by the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee and further reviewed and approved by the Board. Actual results and outcomes are compared against the budget to ensure alignment with the Plan and to maintain tight budgetary control and value for money.

Governance of MS Ireland is conducted in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were adopted in November 1998 and amended up to and including 18th June 2005.

The Board continues to be committed to a high level of transparency and disclosure in relation to staff remuneration. As in previous years, Note 5 to the financial statements provides details on Staff Remuneration in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) as developed by the Accounting Standards Board.

The Branches, Council and Committees

The structure of the Council has changed in parallel with the introduction of the Integrated Regional/Branch meetings. The Council is the consultative body that represents the views of the 38 Branches around the country. The Council provides a direct link between members, Branches and the Board. The voluntary branches fundraise for and provide local services and programmes. The following committees are appointed by the Board to aid in the internal workings of the Society.

1. Nominating Committee
2. Sustainability Committee
3. Governance Committee
4. Remuneration Committee
5. Services Monitoring & Evaluation Committee
6. Finance, Audit and Risk Committee
7. Research Committee

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Management

The Chief Executive, to whom day to day management of the charity is delegated, leads a team of 77 employees working throughout the National Office, the MS Care Centre and 10 regional offices, plus an additional 53 Community Employment workers employed with the support of the Department of Social Protection ("DSP").

The National Office is the base for the overall administrative and support services of the Society, including Finance, IT, HR, Communications and the MS Information Line. Regional offices provide services to PwMS, PaMS and support to the network of Branches throughout the country. Service development and operations currently sit within the remit of the Chief Executive & Services Manager.

The Board of MS Ireland met on 6 occasions during the financial year. Seven committees assisted with the work of the Board during 2014.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Society in 2014 included:

- The provision of support, community rehabilitation (including physio and physical exercise), health promotion, coping strategies and well being services to PwMS and their families on a regional basis through a development programme (community development work) and individual and family support work (casework and counselling). 175 people who were newly diagnosed with MS contacted the regions for support. There were 1,699 one to one case work meetings conducted by community workers for PwMS.
- The provision of information and advice, individually and in groups to PwMS & health professionals through regional outlets, the website and the MS Information Line Telephone 1850 233 233. 1,599 people contacted the Information Line – 966 of these contacts were via telephone.
- The provision of respite care, MS Nurse specialism and therapy services in the 12 bed MS Care Centre. Number of bed nights where beds were occupied amount to 2,659. 412 people stayed at the Centre with 260 of these residents from the Dublin/Eastern region.
- The roll out of the integrated model which involved National Office, the Regional Offices and Branches working in a co-ordinated way.
- Comparative Health Knowledge Systems ("CHKS") 2014
Being involved in an accreditation process like CHKS ensures that the issues of quality and continuous improvement are part of the day to day routine of the Care Centre. Whilst the months prior to the assessment visit can be hectic, the work to achieve accreditation is daily and ongoing and accreditation can only be achieved if this is the case. While the visit second time round to achieve accreditation took place at the end of 2014 it was preceded by a lot of very hard work throughout the previous months.
- Health Information Quality Authority ("HIQA") 2014
While ensuring that we were meeting the standards required for CHKS accreditation, we were also familiarising ourselves with the requirements for the registration process for HIQA. While there is some overlap, they are in fact two different processes and the need for HIQA registration for the Care Centre is a statutory requirement. The work to achieve registration with HIQA got under way in earnest in 2014.
- The provision of welfare and financial assistance services through Branches.
- Branch services including support groups, social activities, therapies and welfare supported by voluntary fundraising locally.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

- Issues/concerns affecting PwMS and their carers individually and collectively were presented on an on-going basis in submissions to Government/State agencies and in public awareness campaigns. 'Access to Medicines' advocacy campaign was run throughout the financial year.
- Adopting the ICTR Guiding Principles for Fundraising.
- Developing and rolling out case management system for regional staff.
- MS Ireland actively participating in European and International MS fora.
- MS Ireland participating at a national level on the Board of the Neurological Alliance of Ireland.
- DSP CEP Participants contributing hugely to the work of MS Ireland by assisting in the work of the Care Centre, assisting with the exercise training plans for PwMS in the Western region; visiting PwMS in their homes and carrying out maintenance work for people with MS in the North West region. They also input data on our behalf into the Physical Sensory and Disability Database.
- Social media – in 2014 MS Ireland developed its work in social media and had 7,216 people access our facebook page and 4,128 people accessing Twitter. We have a team of bloggers who write about their own personal experiences of living with MS.
- Major fundraising activities included the MS ReadAthon, the MS raffle and we hosted walks to the Camino de Santiago in Spain and to the Lycian Way in Turkey.
- Equality of Access was the focus for World MS Day in 2014 and the tag line which was the theme for World MS Day was "What is your One Day Wish?" – Imagine a World without Barriers and to Share their One Day Wish.
- An Online survey was conducted to take account of members' views in preparing the strategic direction of the organisation for the years 2015 – 2019.
- The AGM and National Meeting Day was held in the Hilton Dublin Kilmainham Hotel in Dublin.

A more detailed review of the Society's activities is included in the 2014 Annual Report which is available on the website.

MAJOR RISKS FACING THE SOCIETY

The Board are responsible for ensuring that the major risks facing the Society are appropriately managed. This is a continuous process reflecting the changing priorities and circumstances facing the Society. During the financial year the major risks facing the Society as defined by the Board and the management team have been reviewed and their potential impact assessed. In particular, cost cutting measures were applied across all areas of expenditure to reflect the decrease in state funding and the uncertainty of fundraising income. Strategies and controls aimed at managing risks appropriately have been agreed, many of which are already in place and effective; others are being developed further especially with regard to uncertainty around income. In many cases the control processes are subject to continuous improvement. Given the objectives of the Society, and the nature of the activities by which it furthers them, some of the risks have to be accepted: it is not possible for the Society to eliminate them. However, appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate them where possible.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In 2015 we will finalise our Strategic Plan for the years 2015 – 2019. We will work towards the achievement of our strategic priorities. The Board of MS Ireland is committed to building a Society which is integrated, effective, outcome-driven and accountable.

The Plan follows a sequence from the general or fundamental objectives of the organisation to the specific (the programmes and activities to be implemented over the five years), covering the organisation's mission statement, vision, overall and specific aims and objectives along the way. Department/regional/individual plans have been prepared for the different divisions of the organisation, staff and volunteers.

The key priorities are as follows:

1. To provide quality services nationally to ensure everyone with Multiple Sclerosis and their families have full access to services and supports when needed.
2. MS Ireland will be the voice for PwMS driving an advocacy agenda that includes areas of greatest concern to PwMS.
3. MS Ireland will develop a research strategy that will focus on supporting and participating in research that is in line with members' expectations on local, national and international stages.
4. Build and strengthen MS Ireland's organizational capacity to ensure delivery of our strategic plan.
5. Continue to strengthen the governance and regulation of MS Ireland ensuring compliance with relevant regulatory bodies.

In 2015 we will:

- Finalise and roll out the Strategic Priorities for 2015 – 2019.
- Review and develop our suite of services provided by professionals and volunteers.
- Continue Branch training. The Branch handbook was reviewed in 2014/15 and will be rolled out to the Branches in 2015.
- Continue with regional community activities/programmes and services.
- Continue to provide high quality respite care for people with MS.
- Increase the promotion of the work of MS Ireland and highlight the needs of PwMS through representations, communication and P.R.
- Develop MS Ireland's proactive position in the neurological pathway.
- Continue to work with University of Limerick around exercise/activity based interventions for PwMS.
- Review and increase our fundraising efforts.
- Continue to work on adopting the Code of Governance.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The consolidated results for the financial year are set out on page 13.

Incoming resources

Income totalled €6,486,131 which represents a decrease of €232,052 (3%) on 2013.

Resources expended

During the financial year €6,469,295 (2013: €6,643,031) was spent on the provision of services to PwMS, reflecting a decrease of €173,736 (3%) on 2013. This decrease in expenditure was in line with the decrease in income and directly impacted on the quality of life for PwMS and their carers.

Financial position at the end of the financial year

The fund balances totalled €7,509,188 at the end of the financial year.

These funds are represented by the following:

	National Office	Branches	Total
	€	€	€
Tangible Fixed Assets	6,156,357	98,852	6,255,209
Net Current Assets	2,079,349	1,228,867	3,308,216
Bank Term Loan	(2,054,237)	-	(2,054,237)
Total	6,181,469	1,327,719	7,509,188

The tangible fixed assets of the National Office are comprised mainly of the premises at Northumberland Road and Bushy Park Road, Dublin and Limerick.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The current directors are set out on page 2. The directors, who served at any time during the financial year except as noted, were as follows:

Directors:

Patrick Stronge (Chairman)
Patrick Bannon
Tom Cronin (Appointed 13th September 2014)
Dr Susan Coote (Resigned 27th January 2015)
Dara Deering
Sarah Dempsey
Marcella Flood (Appointed 13th September 2014)
Bryan Harty (Deputy Chairman)
Manfred Huschka
Mark Mitchell
Seán Murphy (Appointed 13th September 2014)
Edel O'Kelly
Dr Kilian Smith
Margaret Burke (Resigned 13th September 2014)

Secretary:

Ava Battles

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

None of the directors had any interests in any contracts entered into by the Society during the year.

SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

The information required by Section 327 of the Companies Act 2014 is included in note 7 to the financial statements.

ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The measures that the directors have taken to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at 80 Northumberland Road, Dublin 4.

AUDITOR

The auditor, Deloitte, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, continue in office in accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Patrick Stronge
Director

Thomas Cronin
Director

18 July 2015

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable Companies Act 2014 and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland for periods beginning before 1 January 2015 ("relevant financial reporting framework"). 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 and of the result of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the Parent Company and the group Financial Statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, 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 result 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

We have audited the financial statements of The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cashflow Statement and the related notes 1 to 21. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and Accounting Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland for periods beginning before 1 January 2015 ("relevant financial reporting framework").

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 auditor's 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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Reports and Consolidated Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the group and parent company as at 31 December 2014 and of the group's net incoming resources for the financial year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and, in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014

- 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.
- The parent company balance sheet is in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

Marguerite Larkin
For and on behalf of Deloitte
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
Dublin

18 July 2015

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

including income and expenditure account and recognised gains and losses

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2014 €	Restricted Funds 2014 €	Total Funds 2014 €	Total Funds 2013 €
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income					
- Donations and fundraising		2,330,843	87,221	2,418,064	2,670,983
- Legacies		6,000	-	6,000	117,979
- Research		-	96,405	96,405	74,470
- Subscriptions		2,952	-	2,952	1,810
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
- Fees received		228,735	-	228,735	244,351
- Grants and other service contract income	4	-	2,739,429	2,739,429	2,730,664
- Government schemes		-	859,593	859,593	745,427
- Other income		44,385	90,568	134,953	132,499
Total incoming resources	2	2,612,915	3,873,216	6,486,131	6,718,183
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income					
- Fundraising		706,603	-	706,603	880,490
Charitable activities					
- Community services		681,631	2,129,900	2,811,531	2,878,908
- Respite care services		353,040	865,898	1,218,938	1,243,886
- Research		1,200	65,794	66,994	38,419
- Government/CEP schemes		6,564	859,593	866,157	752,083
- Local MS services		735,822	2,250	738,072	789,525
Governance costs		61,000	-	61,000	59,720
Total outgoing resources	2	2,545,860	3,923,435	6,469,295	6,643,031
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	3/13	67,055	(50,219)	16,836	75,152

All gains and losses arose from continuing activities and are included in the Statement of Financial Activities for the current and prior financial year.

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	<i>Notes</i>	2014 €	2013 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	6,255,209	6,425,663
Current Assets			
Stocks		6,396	9,327
Debtors	8	392,876	363,650
Investments	9	15,381	15,381
Cash at bank and in hand	10	3,741,558	3,744,595
		4,156,211	4,132,953
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(847,995)	(820,711)
Net current assets		3,308,216	3,312,242
Total assets less current liabilities		9,563,425	9,737,905
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(2,054,237)	(2,245,553)
NET ASSETS		7,509,188	7,492,352
FUNDED BY:			
Restricted funds	13	1,541,671	1,591,890
Unrestricted funds	13	5,967,517	5,900,462
FUNDS		7,509,188	7,492,352

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 18 July 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Patrick Stronge
Director

Thomas Cronin
Director

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	6,255,209	6,425,663
Investment in subsidiary undertaking	7	1	1
		<u>6,255,210</u>	<u>6,425,664</u>
Current Assets			
Stocks		6,396	9,327
Debtors	8	379,597	334,716
Investments	9	15,381	15,381
Cash at bank and in hand	10	3,698,840	3,687,171
		<u>4,100,214</u>	<u>4,046,595</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(791,999)	(734,354)
Net current assets		<u>3,308,215</u>	<u>3,312,241</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		9,563,425	9,737,905
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(2,054,237)	(2,245,553)
NET ASSETS		<u>7,509,188</u>	<u>7,492,352</u>
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THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF IRELAND

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 €	2013 €
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	14(i)	285,838	497,963
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		31,719	25,256
Interest paid		(86,097)	(91,636)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(54,378)	(66,380)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(47,596)	(102,261)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	7,098
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT		(47,596)	(95,163)
NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES AND FINANCING		183,864	336,420
FINANCING			
Movement in bank term loan	12	(186,901)	(180,316)
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH	14(ii)	(3,037)	156,104

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Format of financial statements

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland (“the Society”) is constituted under Irish company law as a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity. In prior years, company law scoped out companies not trading for gain for the members from the requirements with regard to formats and content of financial statements which applied to for profit companies, thus permitting the adoption of a format appropriate to a charity. Accordingly, the Society adopted and reported its performance in accordance with the format provided for in the Statement of Recommended Practice (“SORP”) (revised 2005) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” and in particular reports its performance for the financial year in the format of the SORP’s Statement of Financial Activities (“SOFA”).

The Companies Act 2014 became effective in law on 1 June 2015 and from that date applies the format and content of financial statements requirements appropriate for a company trading for the profit of its members to a company that is a not for profit organisation such as the Society.

In order to provide information relevant to understanding the stewardship of the directors and the performance and financial position of the Charity, the Society has prepared its financial statements in accordance with the formats provided for in the Charities SORP, consistent with the prior year.

Had the Companies Act format and content of financial statements requirements suitable for a company trading for the profit of its members been presented instead, a profit and loss account with related notes showing items such as Turnover and Cost of Sales would have been reported along with a “profit” on ordinary activities before taxation.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts 2014 as applied in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (“SORP”) (revised 2005) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, who are recognised by the Financial Reporting Council as the appropriate body to issue SORPs for the charity sector in the UK. Financial reporting in line with the SORP is considered best practice for charities in Ireland. As noted above, the directors consider the adoption of the SORP requirements is the most appropriate accounting to properly reflect and disclose the activities of the organisation.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland (the parent undertaking) and its subsidiary undertaking, The Multiple Sclerosis C.E.P. Company Limited. Transactions between the national office, Branches and MS care centre (including The Multiple Sclerosis C.E.P. Company Limited) have been eliminated.

Incoming Resources

Income is accounted for when the Society has entitlement, there is certainty of receipt and the amount is measurable.

Grants from statutory bodies are credited to income in the financial year to which they relate. Where the grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors. Capital grants are accounted for as income as soon as they are receivable.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Incoming Resources (continued)

Member subscriptions are taken to revenue in the financial year in which they are received.

Gifts of assets are included in income at a reasonable estimate of their value, at the date received. These assets are treated as either tangible fixed assets or current assets depending on whether the gift is to be disposed of or retained for use by the Group. Gifts for fundraising purposes are accounted for when realised.

Deferred Income and Expenditure

Funds received and expenditure incurred by the Group for fundraising events to be held in the future are treated as deferred income and expenditure.

Stocks

Stocks, which comprise fundraising materials, are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates and methods of depreciation are as follows:-

Freehold Premises	2% straight line
Office Equipment	20% straight line
Computer Equipment	33% straight line
Furniture and Fittings	20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	10% straight line
Branches' Motor Vehicles/Mobile Homes	10% straight line

Leased Assets

All leases entered into by the Group are operating leases. Operating lease costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Retirement benefits to employees of the Group are funded by contributions from the Group and the employees. Payments are made to pension trusts which are financially separate from the Group. These payments, which are made in accordance with periodic calculations by consulting actuaries, are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they become payable.

Research

Expenditure on research projects is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds:

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies which can only be used for the particular purposes specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the Group.

Unrestricted funds:

General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the Board, in furtherance of the objectives of the Group.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES/RESOURCES EXPENDED	2014	2013
	€	€
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Community Services-National and Regional	2,223,146	2,206,093
Fundraising-National office and Regional	1,424,458	1,636,987
Local MS Services-Branches	929,833	1,048,205
Respite Care Services	1,049,167	1,081,471
Government Schemes	859,527	745,427
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	6,486,131	6,718,183
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Community Services-National and Regional	2,905,757	2,946,243
Fundraising-National Office	645,080	817,248
Local MS Services-Branches	830,173	880,678
Respite Care Services	1,218,937	1,243,886
Government Schemes	869,348	754,976
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	6,469,295	6,643,031
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	16,836	75,152

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3. NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2014	2013
	€	€
The net incoming resources for the financial year are stated after charging:		
Depreciation	218,050	296,975
Interest payable and similar charges	86,097	91,636
Auditor's remuneration - Group	24,354	24,354
- Branches	28,128	26,992
- Government/CEP Schemes	3,191	2,891
Directors' remuneration	-	-
Operating lease rentals	25,567	29,767
Loss on retirements and disposals of tangible fixed assets	-	3,524
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
and after crediting:		
Interest received	31,719	25,256
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Board members' travel and subsistence expenses in attending meetings in 2014 were €2,079 (2013: €3,704). No emoluments are paid to Board members.

4. GRANTS AND OTHER SERVICE CONTRACT INCOME	2014	2013
	€	€
HSE-Statutory Funding	2,511,958	2,494,969
HSE-National Lottery Funding	93,545	95,942
HSE-Other Grants	76,215	27,715
Pobal Funding-Craga Grant	49,738	56,520
Other Grants-Non HSE	7,973	8,708
Vodafone Ireland Foundation Grant	-	46,810
	<u>2,739,429</u>	<u>2,730,664</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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5. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

The average number of persons employed by the Group in the financial year was 77 (2013: 78), analysed into the following categories:

	2014	2013
	No.	No.
Regional services	30	30
Care	23	23
Administration	16	17
Fundraising activities	5	5
Services	3	3
	<u>77</u>	<u>78</u>
	<u><u>77</u></u>	<u><u>78</u></u>

The numbers shown above are exclusive of persons contracted to provide counselling and therapy services and 53 (2013: 49) persons employed under the DSP Community Employment Schemes.

	2014	2013
	€	€
Total staff costs comprised of the following:		
Wages and salaries	2,480,705	2,633,547
Employer social welfare costs	260,880	271,229
Employer pension contributions	97,927	95,011
	<u>2,839,512</u>	<u>2,999,787</u>
	<u><u>2,839,512</u></u>	<u><u>2,999,787</u></u>

The Group also receives significant support from voluntary workers.

The number of employees whose emoluments, excluding employer pension contributions, were greater than €65,000 is set out below:

	2014	2013
	Number	Number
€65,000 - €75,000	2	2
€85,000 - €95,000	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

GROUP AND COMPANY

	Freehold Premises	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Branches' Mobile Homes/ Motor Vehicles	Total €
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost:							
At 1 January 2014	8,046,543	204,370	185,261	344,235	32,907	239,026	9,052,342
Additions	-	4,482	10,347	32,517	-	250	47,596
At 31 December 2014	8,046,543	208,852	195,608	376,752	32,907	239,276	9,099,938
Depreciation:							
At 1 January 2014	1,809,888	186,442	176,459	299,757	32,907	121,226	2,626,679
Charge for the financial year	160,932	9,354	6,262	22,304	-	19,198	218,050
At 31 December 2014	1,970,820	195,796	182,721	322,061	32,907	140,424	2,844,729
Net Book Value:							
At 31 December 2014	6,075,723	13,056	12,887	54,691	-	98,852	6,255,209
At 31 December 2013	6,236,655	17,928	8,802	44,478	-	117,800	6,425,663

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

In respect of prior financial year:

GROUP AND COMPANY

	Freehold Premises	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Branches' Mobile Homes/ Motor Vehicles	Total €
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost:							
At 1 January 2013	8,046,543	203,994	175,671	315,440	32,907	253,934	9,028,489
Additions	-	376	9,590	28,795	-	63,500	102,261
Retirals/Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(78,408)	(78,408)
At 31 December 2013	8,046,543	204,370	185,261	344,235	32,907	239,026	9,052,342
Depreciation:							
At 1 January 2013	1,648,956	98,503	173,203	277,100	31,232	168,623	2,397,617
Charge for the financial year	160,932	87,939	3,256	22,657	1,675	20,516	296,975
Retirals/Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(67,913)	(67,913)
At 31 December 2013	1,809,888	186,442	176,459	299,757	32,907	121,226	2,626,679
Net Book Value:							
At 31 December 2013	6,236,655	17,928	8,802	44,478	-	117,800	6,425,663
At 31 December 2012	6,397,587	105,491	2,468	38,340	1,675	85,311	6,630,872

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7. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING	2014	2013
	€	€
COMPANY		
Cost:		
Balance at beginning and end of financial year	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

In respect of prior financial year:

	2013	2012
	€	€
COMPANY		
Cost:		
Balance at beginning and end of financial year	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland through its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking, The Multiple Sclerosis C.E.P. Company Limited, operates a Community Employment Scheme at 65 Bushy Park Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6. The registered office of the subsidiary is 80 Northumberland Road, Dublin 4.

MS Ireland Housing Association Limited was also a subsidiary of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland. The MS Ireland Housing Association Limited, which did not trade since incorporation, was dissolved on 23 October 2013.

8. DEBTORS	2014	2013
	€	€
GROUP		
Amounts due from fundraising activities	110,105	82,103
Prepayments	115,507	74,524
Community Employment Schemes	68,651	109,799
HSE grants	32,436	46,088
Residents fees and other Debtors	53,724	41,149
Deferred fundraising expenditure	12,453	9,987
	<u>392,876</u>	<u>363,650</u>
	<u>392,876</u>	<u>363,650</u>
COMPANY		
Amounts due from fundraising activities	110,105	82,103
Prepayments	115,507	74,524
HSE grants	32,436	46,088
Community Employment Schemes	37,619	36,218
Residents fees and other Debtors	53,724	41,149
Amount due from subsidiary	17,753	44,647
Deferred fundraising expenditure	12,453	9,987
	<u>379,597</u>	<u>334,716</u>
	<u>379,597</u>	<u>334,716</u>

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9. INVESTMENTS GROUP AND COMPANY	2014 €	2013 €
At 1 January and 31 December (principally prize bonds)	15,381	15,381
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10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2014 €	2013 €
GROUP		
National and Regional services	2,469,973	2,399,863
Branches	1,228,867	1,287,308
C.E.P Company	42,718	57,424
	<u>3,741,558</u>	<u>3,744,595</u>
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COMPANY		
National and Regional services	2,469,973	2,399,863
Branches	1,228,867	1,287,308
	<u>3,698,840</u>	<u>3,687,171</u>
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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2014 €	2013 €
GROUP		
Trade creditors	173,348	149,952
Accruals	210,327	205,853
Bank term loan (note 12)	194,354	189,939
Deferred income	117,112	105,759
Community Employment Schemes	88,506	101,930
PAYE/PRSI	64,348	67,278
	<u>847,995</u>	<u>820,711</u>
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COMPANY		
Trade creditors	173,348	149,952
Accruals	210,327	205,853
Bank term loan (note 12)	194,354	189,939
Deferred income	117,112	105,759
PAYE/PRSI	64,348	67,278
Community Employment Schemes	32,510	15,573
	<u>791,999</u>	<u>734,354</u>
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12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	2014	2013
	€	€
GROUP AND COMPANY		
Bank term loan	2,054,237	2,245,553
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The loan is repayable by monthly instalments of €22,031 of which €16,289 represents capital repayments. As at 31 December 2014 the balance remaining on the loan was €2,248,591 of which an amount of €754,248 was fixed at an interest rate of 3.74% until 13 September 2020, €745,378 was fixed at an interest rate of 3.04% to 13 September 2015 and €748,965 was fixed at an interest rate of 3.22% to 29 July 2025.

The maturity analysis of the bank loan at 31 December is as set out below:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Within one year (Note 11)	194,354	189,939
Within two to five years	848,748	815,322
After more than five years	1,205,489	1,430,231
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	2,248,591	2,435,492
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. FUNDS

GROUP	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	€	€	€
Funds at beginning of financial year	1,591,890	5,900,462	7,492,352
Movement during financial year	(50,219)	67,055	16,836
Funds at end of financial year	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,541,671	5,967,517	7,509,188
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

In respect of prior financial year:

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	€	€	€
Funds at beginning of year	1,587,824	5,829,376	7,417,200
Movement during year	4,066	71,086	75,152
Funds at end of year	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,591,890	5,900,462	7,492,352
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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13. FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The movement in restricted funds in the financial year was as follows:

Restricted fund	Fund balance at beginning of financial year €	Movements during financial year €	Fund balance at end of financial year €
Capital grants	955,613	(26,721)	928,892
Other	394,235	37,031	431,266
J. P. McManus	97,372	(66,553)	30,819
Bequest-Wexford	92,148	(24,587)	67,561
Research	52,522	30,611	83,133
Total	<u>1,591,890</u>	<u>(50,219)</u>	<u>1,541,671</u>

The restricted funds are represented by fixed assets of €928,892 (2013: €955,613) and net current assets of €612,779 (2013: €636,277).

The J.P. McManus Fund is restricted to expenditure in the Mid-West region, Bequest is restricted to expenditure in Wexford and Research fund is restricted to research expenditure. The other restricted funds include funds received from the National Lottery, funds received for the Care Centre Appeal and funds received for Getting the Balance Right Programme.

COMPANY

	Restricted Funds €	Unrestricted Funds €	Total Funds €
Funds at beginning of financial year	1,591,890	5,900,462	7,492,352
Movement during financial year	(50,219)	67,055	16,836
Funds at end of financial year	<u>1,541,671</u>	<u>5,967,517</u>	<u>7,509,188</u>

In respect of prior financial year:

	Restricted Funds €	Unrestricted Funds €	Total Funds €
Funds at beginning of year	1,587,824	5,829,376	7,417,200
Movement during year	4,066	71,086	75,152
Funds at end of year	<u>1,591,890</u>	<u>5,900,462</u>	<u>7,492,352</u>

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14. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(i) RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES IN RESOURCES TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2014 €	2013 €
Net incoming resources	16,836	75,152
Interest received	(31,719)	(25,256)
Interest payable	86,097	91,636
Depreciation	218,050	296,975
Decrease in stocks	2,931	4,417
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(29,226)	56,651
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	22,869	(5,136)
Loss on retirements and disposals of tangible fixed assets	-	3,397
Loss on write off of investments	-	127
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>285,838</u>	<u>497,963</u>

(ii) RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET CASH

	2014 €	2013 €
(Decrease)/increase in cash in financial year	(3,037)	156,104
Cash flow from debt financing	186,901	180,316
Change in net cash	<u>183,864</u>	<u>336,420</u>
Net cash at beginning of financial year	1,309,103	972,683
Net cash at end of financial year	<u>1,492,967</u>	<u>1,309,103</u>

(iii) ANALYSIS OF NET CASH

	2013 €	Cash Flow	2014 €
Cash at bank and in hand	3,744,595	(3,037)	3,741,558
Debt due within one year	(189,939)	(4,415)	(194,354)
Debt due after one year	(2,245,553)	191,316	(2,054,237)
	<u>1,309,103</u>	<u>183,864</u>	<u>1,492,967</u>

15. TAXATION

The company has been granted charitable status, and accordingly no charge to corporation tax arises by virtue of Section 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

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16. GIFTS IN KIND

The Group receives financial support through the provision of services at reduced costs, from its advertisers, architects, printers, solicitors and other suppliers. The value of this support was approximately €4,625 in 2014 (2013: €13,060).

17. PENSIONS

The Group operates a defined contribution insured pension scheme for employees. The employer pension cost for the financial year was €97,927 (2013: €95,011) and the balance outstanding at the end of the financial year was €16,182 (2013: €31,324).

18. FUNDRAISING

The Group has a fundraising department. Commissions are not paid for any fundraising activities.

19. LEASE COMMITMENTS

Operating Leases:

Premises

Annual lease commitments at 31 December 2014 amount to €25,567 (2013: €29,767) and relate to leases which expire.

	2014	2013
	€	€
- Within one year	25,567	29,767
- Within two to five years	-	-
- After more than five years	-	-
	<u>25,567</u>	<u>29,767</u>
	<u><u>25,567</u></u>	<u><u>29,767</u></u>

20. OTHER COMMITMENTS

In certain circumstances grants received could become repayable by the Group.

There were no significant capital commitments contracted for by the group or company or authorised by the directors but not yet contracted for at 31 December 2014.

21. LEGAL STATUS

By virtue of Section 1180 of the Companies Act 2014 the company is exempt from including the word "Limited" in its name. The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The amount of the guarantee is limited to €1.27 per member.

As permitted by Section 304(2) of the Companies Act 2014, the Statement of Financial Activities of the parent undertaking is not presented as part of these financial statements. The net incoming resources dealt within the financial statements of the Company were €16,836 (2013: €75,152).