



2015-16

Impact Report

Making a difference, together

Children's Liver Disease Foundation exists solely to support the needs of all those affected by a childhood liver disease.

For CLDF collaboration is everything – by listening to and working with our supporters, networks of healthcare professionals, young people and their families we can make a difference, together.

A year of challenges and triumphs

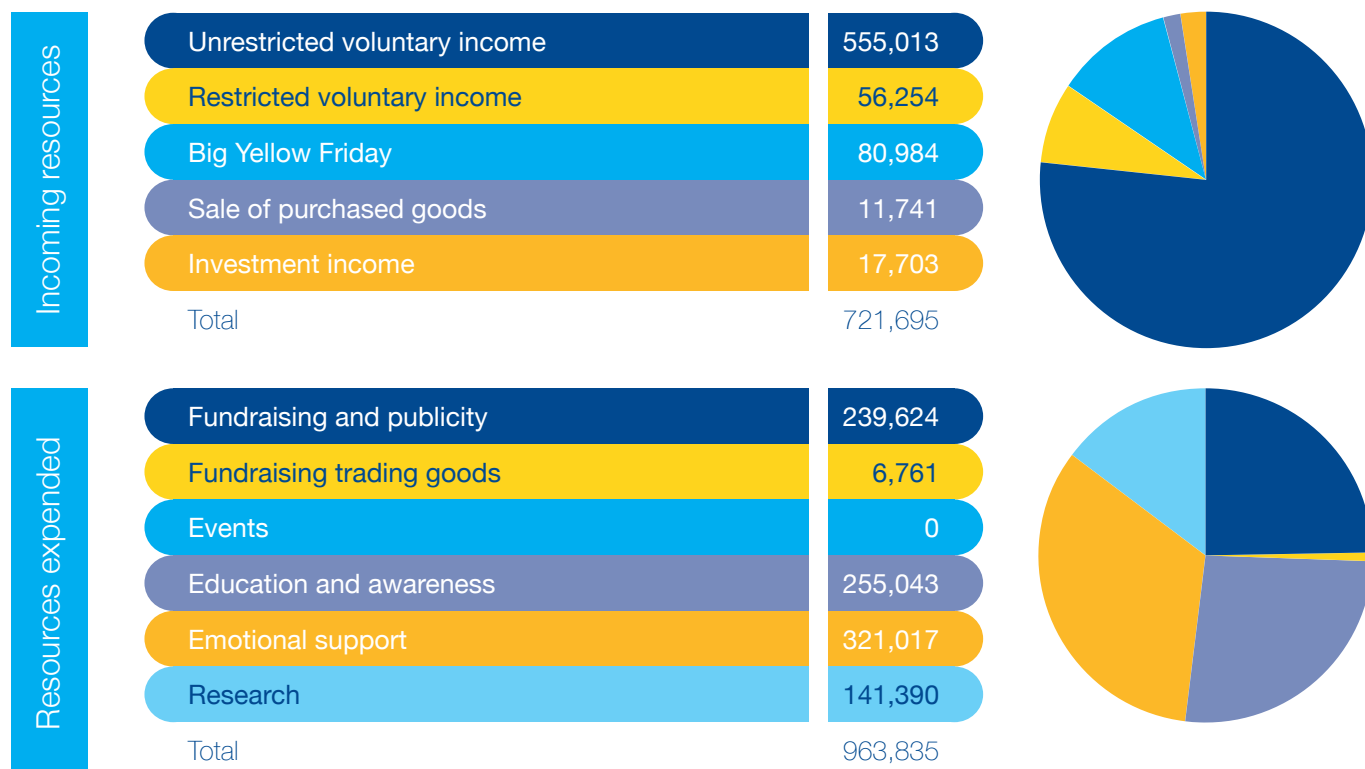
“ 2015-2016 has seen the organisation continue to develop in the midst of increased financial pressures. New family events, strengthened partnerships and using digital technology in the way we deliver our programmes will help us to increase our reach. We know that what we do matters and with the support of our staff, families, young people and partners, we'll ensure we are there for families when they need us most.

Alison Taylor, Chief Executive

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Funding CLDF's work

01 April 2015 - 31 March 2016



This summary is taken from our financial statements.
To request a copy of our full audited accounts, please contact the Charity.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Thomas M Ross OBE
Chairman

Information highlights

CLDF leaflets distributed inc. downloads	20,673	24% increase on previous year
Unique visitors to childliverdisease.org	170,629	48% increase on previous year
Number of visits to all CLDF websites	205,806	40% increase on previous year
Number of pieces of media coverage	353	



Spreading the word to medical professionals is an essential element of our work.
During the year we attended a wide range of conferences.

“Receiving CLDF's leaflets made me feel a lot more confident, like I was in control of my condition. They were so helpful - not just for me but for my friends and family as well.”

Young person

Support highlights

CLDF's families and young people's teams have continued to increase their presence in hospitals attending 96 clinics across the country - a 35% increase on 2014-2015

943 young people between 11 and 24 had contact/support from CLDF during the year - an 18% increase on the previous year

The support team also had 2978 contacts with parents, friends and relatives

During the year CLDF launched HIVE - a specially commissioned, secure social media platform for young people to connect with each other and receive support

In 2015-2016 we introduced two new residential weekends in Northern Ireland and Scotland, which were very positively received

CLDF held four residential events for young people. All received exceptional feedback from participants and their parents/carers

“ Thank you so much for helping me and my family. To think how much of a hard time we had at the start of our little girl's life and to come out of that knowing we met such beautiful and helpful people like yourselves is a credit to you all.

Parent

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Research highlights

CLDF currently has nine research projects ongoing in 2015-2016 CLDF and finalised the award of a three-year PhD Fellowship:

Optimising drug regimens in paediatric liver disease using experimentally-derived simulation tools
Professor Rostami-Hodjegan, Manchester Pharmacy School University of Manchester

The following projects were funded under CLDF's Small Grants Scheme:

In vitro model for the study of tight junction protein 2 deficiency
Dr Melissa Sambrotta, Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital

Public and Patient involvement for study into the recognition and response to children with GI bleeding at high risk and needing endoscopic intervention
Dr Dalia Belsha, Leeds General Infirmary

A prediction score of oesophageal varices incorporating spleen stiffness
Dr Tassos Grammatikopoulos, King's College Hospital

Bilibaby: an ongoing project to develop a screening test to be able to detect bilirubin in stool to screen for childhood liver diseases
Professor Alastair Sutcliffe, Institute of Child Health, University College London

Voice highlights

CLDF's Chief Executive Alison Taylor has consulted with and represented patients and families on a range of projects. These include:

The Lancet Commission 'Addressing liver diseases in the UK'; The NHSBT Liver Advisory Group and representing patient interests at BSPGHAN

The Hep B campaign for universal vaccination continues to be a priority, alongside increasing consent rates for organ donation. Both campaigns have been ongoing



Yellow Alert is CLDF's campaign to promote the early diagnosis and appropriate referral for liver disease in newly born infants. Early diagnosis saves lives.

The number of Yellow Alert resources distributed this year, including downloads

10,968

Visits to Yellow Alert Website

22,658*

* a 23% increase on 2014-15

In 2015-2016 CLDF launched a Yellow Alert app for professionals. With help from a number of organisations, including the Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association, Royal College of Midwives, the British Association for Community Child Health and The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, over 1,000 apps were downloaded.

"This App will be very helpful to health visitors allowing them to use it to instantly check signs and symptoms when with a baby and to ensure prompt referral on if necessary ensuring early case finding."

Dr Cheryl Adams, Executive Director at the Institute of Health Visiting

Fundraising highlights

Our sincere thanks goes to all those individuals and organisations who supported Children's Liver Disease Foundation. We simply couldn't do what we do without you.

45 charitable trusts kindly supported us helping to fund key projects including clinic visits, family events and Young People's residentials

Our monthly giving programme raised over £61,000 – a gift of just £5 a month helps us transform lives

We had many wonderful corporate partnerships including Jutexpo, who raised an incredible £20,000

Over 250 people took part in a sponsored activity for us including head shaves, runs and swims



For more information on any aspect of CLDF's work visit childliverdisease.org

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