



Children's Liver  
Disease Foundation

fighting childhood  
liver disease

# 2020 IMPACT REPORT



There are a huge number of different liver diseases which can affect babies, children and young people. The causes are largely unknown; many are life-threatening and all require a lifetime of medical care.

Children's Liver Disease Foundation exists solely to support the needs of UK families affected by childhood liver disease by:

- informing and educating healthcare professionals, parents and the public about childhood liver disease and the signs and symptoms
- campaigning to give young people and their families one strong voice
- providing young adults, children and their families with tailored support services
- supporting research that benefits our children and young people

**“Our vision is a world in which young adults and children are not limited by their liver disease; that childhood liver diseases will be understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children and young people with liver disease can achieve their full potential.”**

**Alison Taylor, Chief Executive**

# Meeting the challenges of 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the charity in 2020. CLDF relies heavily on fundraised income from events, sponsored activity and community fundraising, which have all been significantly affected by social distancing and the financial climate. Many of the charity's support events for beneficiaries also had to be cancelled and postponed, because of government guidance.

From March 2020, CLDF focussed on providing its range of services and projects digitally and supporting beneficiaries and NHS partners through the pandemic, whilst striving to reach newly diagnosed families.

During the year our income was £338,837 lower than 2019. As a result the organisation was restructured in July 2020, sadly resulting in six redundancies. These difficult decisions were taken to ensure that the charity continued to provide services to beneficiaries whilst maintaining a level of reserves to safeguard future work.



Realising the impact and managing the new normal



Prioritising the needs of our families and young people



Re evaluating our income and services in a changing landscape



## Research

During 2020 due to the charity's financial position and the operational challenges for potential applicants and scientific committee members posed by the pandemic, the charity cancelled its annual grant round.

The Research Hub work continued enabling families and young people to provide insights from lived experience to help researchers to hone research questions and project applications.



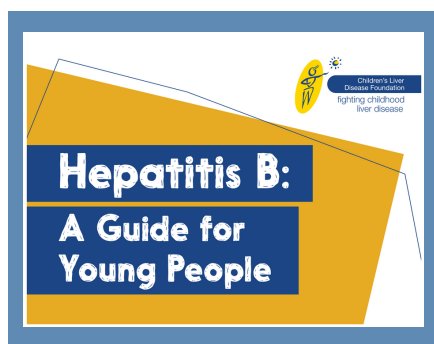
## Education and Information



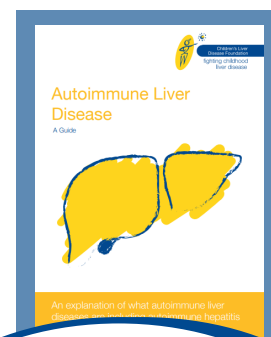
**COVID Guidance**  
Top priority, interpreting and informing  
Liaising with clinicians, societies & NHS  
Answering queries & developing guidance

**24**  
Guidance  
Articles

**Viewed  
17,000  
times**



**105,276**  
support & medical  
leaflets distributed



**21,430**  
YA Packs



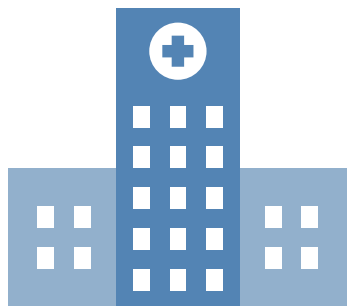
**55% increase  
in Yellow  
Alert Activity**

We use the yellow alert pack and all agree that it is a fantastic resource with lots of useful information. The stool charts are used regularly in consultations and are valuable to show parents what to look for.

**feedback from a GP**

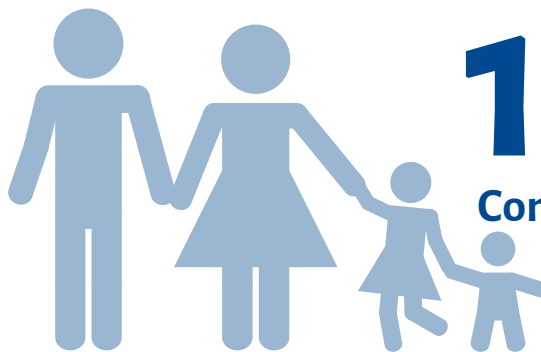
# Supporting families and young people

We attended



21

hospital clinics  
across the UK



166

Connecting with  
**families  
& YP**



1,992

Emails, calls and messages  
seeking guidance, info and support



1,283 Families  
received weekly support  
newsletters

Team focussed on responding  
to the changing needs  
of families throughout the year

91  
Families  
Intensive Case  
Work

I just wanted to thank you for the unshielding zoom session last week. I really got so much from this and thought it was all so well organised and set up

Our daughter has massively grown in confidence, accepting who she is and has stopped comparing herself to others. Her attitude now is more 'what I can do' rather than 'what I can't do' she also doesn't feel so alone in her health struggles and has found it inspiring being with other young people in similar situations.

You helped us at a really difficult time. We were dealing with our daughter's diagnosis at the same time as facing real financial difficulties as we've lost our jobs during COVID. You helped us break it down and supported us to understand the tests my daughter was having to take away the worry. You helped us sort the financial pressure we were under at least in the short term and we are so grateful for the support CLDF offer

## Voice

Representing the needs of our families and young people has become an increasing role for CLDF over the past decade. During 2020 this work was more important than ever.

Our usual work ensures that families and young people are given the opportunity to become directly involved in the evaluation of national policies and developments through a wide variety of channels. We are actively involved with a wide variety of consultations and groups to ensure the needs of children, young people and families are heard. This continued throughout the year.

Ensuring that our beneficiaries' needs and concerns were being addressed in relation to COVID pandemic impact involved the charity working closely with NHS Commissioners, paediatric units, Public Health England, NICE and the Royal College of Paediatrics.



Blood and Transplant



Public Health  
England



National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence





# Fundraising

CLDF works hard to attract income that can be used to deliver our objectives. CLDF works across all traditional fundraising income streams and benefits hugely from funds raised by the families themselves.

**During 2020 we received donations from:**

**Big Yellow Friday activities, raising £37,460**

**Personal donations and regular givers £154,299**

**Supporters undertaking challenges £66,879**

**Grant making Trusts raising £66,507**  
**music makers, head shavers, knitters,**  
**raffle sellers, too many to mention**

## A HUGE THANK YOU

to everyone who donated  
and raised funds for us in  
2020. We would not be  
here without you.

## Funding CLDF's work

### Incoming Resources

Unrestricted  
Voluntary Income

**£436,413**

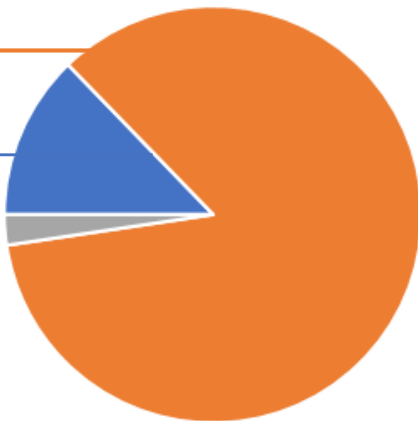
Restricted  
Voluntary Income

**£65,633**

Investment income

**£12,109**

**Total: £514,156**



### Resources Expended

**£80,416**

**£170,078**

**£36,114**

**£257,749**

**Total: £544,357**

