



Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2016

General Information

Co-Founders	Eoin Stephens Angela Moore Peter McIlver (resigned 30 th January 2016) Sandra Douglas (appointed 1 st July 2016) Carol Moore
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Report of the Committee

The Committee present the annual report of the organisation for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Legal Status

Dual Diagnosis Ireland an un-incorporated association was set up 2008.

Principal Activity

To benefit the community through the provision of accessible information, support and guidance to individuals with an addiction and a mental illness, their carers and families

To advance education by raising public awareness and promoting improvement in the diagnosis, integrated treatment and effectiveness of available services in the area of dual diagnosis in Ireland

Annual report

While 2015 ended on a very positive note, with the HSE committing to a new dual diagnosis programme, 2016 started on a very tragic note.

Anyone's Brother Campaign

We had been providing support to the O Broin family. Tragically in January 2016 their brother died after a hospital release. Very bravely the O Broin family decided to go public on their experiences.

With the help from [Bodywhys](#), we provided some guidelines for dealing with media to the family and other individuals who decided to go public.

The "Anyone's Brother" Campaign was launched with the assistance of the celebrity mental health campaigner Bressie.

Working with Mental Health Reform we provided significant help to this campaign with activity as follows

- Full two page coverage of the Dual Diagnosis issue in the Sunday Business Post
- Coverage in a range of media from newspapers such as the Irish Times and Irish Independent, radio interviews on both local radio and Newstalk
- A moving memorial event outside the Dail attended by approximately 300 people
- Bressie presented to the Dail Joint Committee on Health
- Cat O Broin featured on an election special programme on RTE2 questioning the Minister for Health directly.

As a result of the campaign we met with the Ombudsman who acknowledged the dual diagnosis issue. They also confirmed as they have no legal authority to investigate clinical decisions they can provide no help other than looking at administrative decisions.

Policy

We attended a number of meetings of the Drug and Substance misuse continuum group developing the new national drugs misuse strategy. Working with a number of our community partners we ensured that alcohol stayed in the strategy.

We made a number of submissions on the approach to care. The final submission can be found [here](#)

We had less success though with our submission for independent regulation of addiction services with the Department of Health not in favour. This submission can be found [here](#).

We commissioned a legal opinion on the operation of the Mental Health Act and will continue work on this in 2017

We continue our work with Mental Health Reform who are now reviewing the Government's mental health policy "vision for change" with a view to rectifying the failure to address dual diagnosis. Our experience with Mental Health Reform has been very positive and we have encouraged other charities to join,

Educational Events

We were also approached by Sinn Fein and met with their Spokesperson on Mental Health. As a result of this we gave educational presentations in Sligo and Dublin in conjunction with the HSE at well attended public events organised and hosted by Sinn Fein.

There was plenty of audience discussion and sad stories of so many families show the inadequacy of services. Two more events are planned for 2017

Communications

We issued 7 newsletters, and developed our social media Twitter and Facebook accounts further.

We continue to respond to email contacts which include

- Research Queries from health care staff
- Signposting to research
- Families and friends looking for help

We also make phone calls to families looking for help than email. Given we don't advertise, these cases are often people who have been rejected by many services and are deeply distressed.

Our Impact

It is fair to say that 2016 was the year that public awareness of the dual diagnosis issue exploded and we received many emails in the wake of this campaign.

Dual Diagnosis is now an agenda issue on the Oireachtas cross party committee on mental health. As a small all volunteer organisation our approach of working behind the scenes in flexible partnerships and providing factual information and advocacy is enabling a shift in understanding of the problem. However people continue to die unnecessarily and but for the brave sacrifice of families like the O Broin's going public, action to resolve this problem would be even slower.

Results

The detailed financial statements are set out on the following pages.

Eoin Stephens, Chairperson

Carol Moore, Treasurer

Dated 20th November 2017

Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Company are as follows;

Basis of Preparation of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and Irish Statute law. The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis which assumes that the organisation will continue in existence for the foreseeable future.

Income

Income is credited to the Income & Expenditure account in the period to which it relates.

Taxation

No liability to income tax arises due to the organisations charitable status awarded by the Revenue Commissioners. The organisation is not required to register for VAT.

Dual Diagnosis Ireland
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
Income		
Events	0	€0
Donations	0	€100
Total Income	<u>€0</u>	<u>€100</u>
Expenditure		
Website	200	€270
Events	€0	€0
Promotional materials	€0	€0
Journals	€0	€0
Memberships	48	€48
Total Expenditure	<u>€248</u>	<u>€318</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	-€248	-€118

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Carol Moore, Treasurer.

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Dual Diagnosis Ireland
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2015 €	2015 €
Current Assets			
Cash		68	68
Bank		<u>223</u>	<u>471</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>291</u>	<u>539</u>
Financed by;			
Retained surplus	1.	<u>291</u>	<u>539</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Income & Expenditure Account

	31/12/16	31/12/15
	€	€
Balance at start of period	539	757
Retained deficit for period	<u>(248)</u>	<u>(218)</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>291</u>	<u>539</u>

2. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The organisation has not entered into any capital commitments and the committee are not aware of any contingent liabilities which require disclosure.

3. Accounting Standards

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.