BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA TRUST

HOPE. SUPPORT. CURE.

Annual Report 2025

Kindness Changes Lives

Supporting patients, advancing treatment, building brighter tomorrows.

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The South Dublin Union, a vast 50-acre workhouse complex that now forms part of St. James's Hospital, played a significant role during the 1916 Easter Rising, becoming one of the key battlegrounds of the insurrection.

Message from the Chair of the Board.

The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust (BMLT) is a voluntary organisation established in 1981 initially to support the development of the country's first stem cell transplant programme.

Since then, the organisation has evolved to support individuals and their families affected by Leukaemia and other blood disorders who are undergoing bone marrow/stem cell transplantation and more recently other cellular therapies. The organisation funds direct patient support, it provides post-transplant accommodation for patients who have undergone a stem cell transplant. Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust also supports the Stem Cell Transplantation programme in St. James's Hospital by providing equipment and funds for staff training. We additionally provide funding for research and education.

As I reflect on what we have achieved in 2025 - I am proud of the progress we are making to strengthen the organisation. In 2025 the board has focussed on improving our governance structures and maintaining strong financial oversight. The organisation continues to respond to the needs of people undergoing Stem cell transplantation.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank our members, volunteers, donors and staff for their continued trust and commitment. Your support enables Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust to remain a strong, effective and trusted organisation serving the needs our community across Ireland.

Professor Paul Browne
Chair,
Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust

About BMLT

BONE MARROW FOR LEUKAEMIA TRUST
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More Than 40 Years of Hope, Progress and Compassion

For more than 40 years, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust has played a vital role in advancing bone marrow transplantation and supporting patients with blood cancers in Ireland.

Established in 1981, the Trust has helped make pioneering treatment a reality, supporting the development of Ireland's adult bone marrow transplant service at St. James's Hospital, where the first adult transplant took place in 1984.

Since its establishment, the Trust has channelled **more than €20 million** into improving care and outcomes for patients with blood cancer. This investment spans specialist equipment, clinical facilities, research and education, alongside practical support that helps patients and their families navigate the challenges of treatment and recovery.

Recognising that progress depends on continued learning and innovation, the Trust has also established an **Educational Development Bursary** to support professional development and encourage the advancement of knowledge and expertise. This initiative reflects its commitment not only to improving care today, but also to strengthening the skills and expertise that will shape patient care in the future.

From helping establish a pioneering transplant service to providing essential accommodation and investing in education and medical progress, the Trust continues to make a meaningful difference to patients, families and healthcare professionals.

Today, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust continues to build on its legacy, supporting patients and families while investing in the knowledge, facilities and treatments that will shape the future of blood cancer care.

Supporting Patients & Families

A blood cancer diagnosis affects far more than the patient.

It can bring uncertainty, emotional strain and significant practical challenges for the whole family.

For more than 40 years, the Trust has supported patients and their loved ones through some of life's most challenging moments.

Visual concepts

A Home Away From Home

Through **seven fully furnished apartments near St. James's Hospital**, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust provides free accommodation for bone marrow and stem cell *post-transplant* patients and their families who need to remain close to the hospital for care and follow-up appointments. This vital support offers comfort, reassurance and stability during recovery, while easing the financial burden of accommodation. Our apartments are subject to availability, but we work hard to support every post-transplant patient and family who need a place to stay.

Beyond Accommodation

The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust supports improvements in patient care, specialist facilities, research and medical education, helping to advance treatment and improve the experience of those affected by blood cancer.

Thanks to Your Support

Every contribution makes a difference. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, fundraisers and supporters, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust continues to provide practical help, ease the pressures faced by families and ensure that compassion remains at the heart of care.

Our Impact in 2025

Making a Real Difference

For more than 40 years, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust has been making a meaningful and lasting difference to the lives of patients and families affected by blood cancer in Ireland.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, fundraisers and supporters, we have invested in patient care, facilities, research and education, and continue to provide practical support when it is needed most.

TOTAL INVESTMENT SINCE 1984

€20 + million

Invested in patient care, facilities, research & education.

Our Impact at a Glance

40+ YEARS	200+ TRANSPLANTS	7 APARTMENTS	20,000+ PATIENTS	€20+ MILLION
Supporting patient and families	Transplants performed each year	Patient apartments provided free of charge	Thousands of patients and families supported	Raised and reinvested

Visual concept

"BMLT provided me with one of their apartments free of charge in Kilmainham. The use of their apartment was invaluable to me during my recovery. BMLT saved me from a lot of financial stress which meant I didn't have to worry about trying to find and pay for accommodation during my time in Dublin."

Our Apartments

Visual concept

A Home Away From Home
without the accommodation bill.

A blood cancer diagnosis can mean weeks or months of treatment, often far from home. For patients and their families, having somewhere comfortable to stay close to hospital can make an already difficult time a little easier.

The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust owns and maintains seven fully furnished apartments in the old Chocolate Factory, Kilmainham, near St. James's Hospital. These apartments are provided free of charge to *post-transplant* patients and their families who need to travel to Dublin for treatment.

2,169

Occupied apartment-nights in 2025

€180,000+

Estimated accommodation value

By removing the cost of accommodation, Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust helps families remain close to their loved ones, offering comfort, privacy and a welcoming place to rest during a challenging time.

Accommodation is subject to availability, but we work hard to accommodate as many patients & families as possible.

Our Apartment Impact in 2025

Throughout 2025, our **apartments provided 2,169 occupied nights** for patients and families travelling to Dublin for post-transplant treatment.

More than €180,000 in estimated accommodation value provided

Made Possible by Your Support

Our apartments are funded by the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust through the generosity of our donors and fundraisers. Their support helps ensure that patients and families can access this practical assistance free of charge, allowing them to focus on what matters most: treatment, recovery and time together.

Estimated value calculated using 2,169 occupied apartment-nights at an illustrative rate of €83.33 per night, based on a €2,500 monthly rental rate. Actual accommodation costs vary.

Research, Education & Innovation

INVESTING IN BETTER CARE FOR THE FUTURE

Advancing Care Through Knowledge

Progress in blood cancer treatment relies on research, specialist expertise and continued learning. Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust supports initiatives that help strengthen patient care, advance treatment and improve the experience of patients and their families.

Research and Innovation

We support progress in stem cell transplantation and emerging cellular therapies, helping to advance knowledge and encourage improvements in the treatment of blood cancers.

Professional and Educational Development

Continued learning helps healthcare professionals develop their expertise and keep pace with advances in treatment, supporting the delivery of specialist care.

Working in Partnership

Through our links with St. James's Hospital and Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute, BMLT supports the wider commitment to research, education and innovation in blood cancer care.

Looking to the Future

By investing in knowledge, expertise and new approaches to treatment, BMLT aims to help build a stronger future for patients and families affected by blood cancer.

Investing in the Future of Cellular Therapy

The generosity of Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust supporters in 2025 is helping to advance treatment options for patients in 2026

In November 2025, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust invested **€220,000** in the purchase of a Miltenyi CliniMACS Prodigy cell processing system for St. James's Hospital. This significant investment supports the development of advanced cellular therapies and expands the treatment options available to patients undergoing stem cell transplantation.

Installed in January 2026, the system enables laboratory specialists to select specific cell types from donor stem cell collections, creating highly specialised products tailored to individual patient needs. Following staff training and six successful validation runs using both fresh and cryopreserved donor cells, the CD34 stem cell top-up process has been validated. Regulatory approval remains a key step before routine use.

This development represents an important advancement in local treatment capability, particularly for patients experiencing poor graft function following transplantation. It also establishes a platform for future innovation in cellular therapy, including the potential development of virus-specific T-Cell treatments in collaboration with the Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust BMLT investment demonstrates the Trust's continued commitment to supporting progress in patient care, strengthening treatment capabilities and helping bring innovative therapies closer to the patients who need them.

Stem Cell Transplant Graft Manipulation
Funded by the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust (BMLT)

Purchased in November 2025 and installed in January 2026, with on-site training provided.

Shaun McCann
Educational Bursary

HONOURING A LEGACY.
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE.

A Legacy of Progress

Professor Shaun McCann has made an outstanding contribution to haematology and stem cell transplantation. His pioneering work helped establish the adult bone marrow transplant service at St. James's Hospital in 1984, transforming the future of treatment for patients with blood cancers.

Investing in the Next Generation

Established in his honour, the bursary reflects Professor McCann's commitment to progress, learning and better patient care. They support the education and professional development of healthcare professionals, helping them build the knowledge and skills needed in these evolving specialist fields.

Educational and Professional Development Awards

These awards are open to all members of the transplant team, including medical, nursing, laboratory, pharmacy, allied health, data management and translational research staff. They support educational and professional development initiatives that enhance clinical practice, laboratory procedures and patient care.

Awards are expected to range from €3,000 to €5,000 per project, helping staff to develop their expertise, share knowledge and contribute to the continued advancement of transplant services. *Scan the QR code for details.*

In 2025, the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust proudly awarded the inaugural Shaun McCann Educational Bursaries to Dr. Emma Young and Dr. James Dillon, supporting the continued development of expertise in haematology and stem cell transplantation.

Supporting today's healthcare professionals for tomorrow's patients.

Pictured: Professor Shaun McCann with the 2025 Educational Bursary awardees, Dr. Emma Young and Dr. James Dillon.

Fundraising Highlights

Tilly Lonergan, running for #TeamBMLT

Every Contribution Makes a Difference

Throughout 2025, our supporters went above and beyond to raise vital funds for the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust. From personal challenges and community events to corporate donations and fundraising in memory of loved ones, every effort helped us continue supporting patients and families affected by blood cancer.

From Patient to Fundraiser: Liam Mulligan's 100km Challenge €21,000 raised

Diagnosed with cancer while on holiday in New York in 2020, Liam Mulligan spent months in hospital before deciding to give back to the charities that helped save his life.

Despite undergoing three hip replacements and never having cycled before, Liam took on an incredible 100km cycling challenge to support BMLT and raise awareness of blood cancer and the importance of blood, platelet and bone marrow donation.

Reflecting on his experience, Liam said: "*Life is different after cancer, even the rainy days are lovely days now.*"

His determination **raised an outstanding €21,000**, turning a deeply personal experience into a powerful message for others facing blood cancer.

A Home from Home: The Kelly Family

When Joachim Kelly was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia, his family faced an uncertain and challenging journey. Following his stem cell transplant, BMLT provided a free apartment, allowing him to remain close to the hospital during his recovery.

Inspired by the support their family received, his daughters Aoife and Leanne took on the **Dublin City Half Marathon in March 2025, raising €11,290**, exceeding their €7,500 target.

Their story is a powerful reminder that support extends beyond treatment.

TOTAL [selected events]

€163 + thousand

Pedalling for Paulie: A Journey in Memory

€5,905 raised

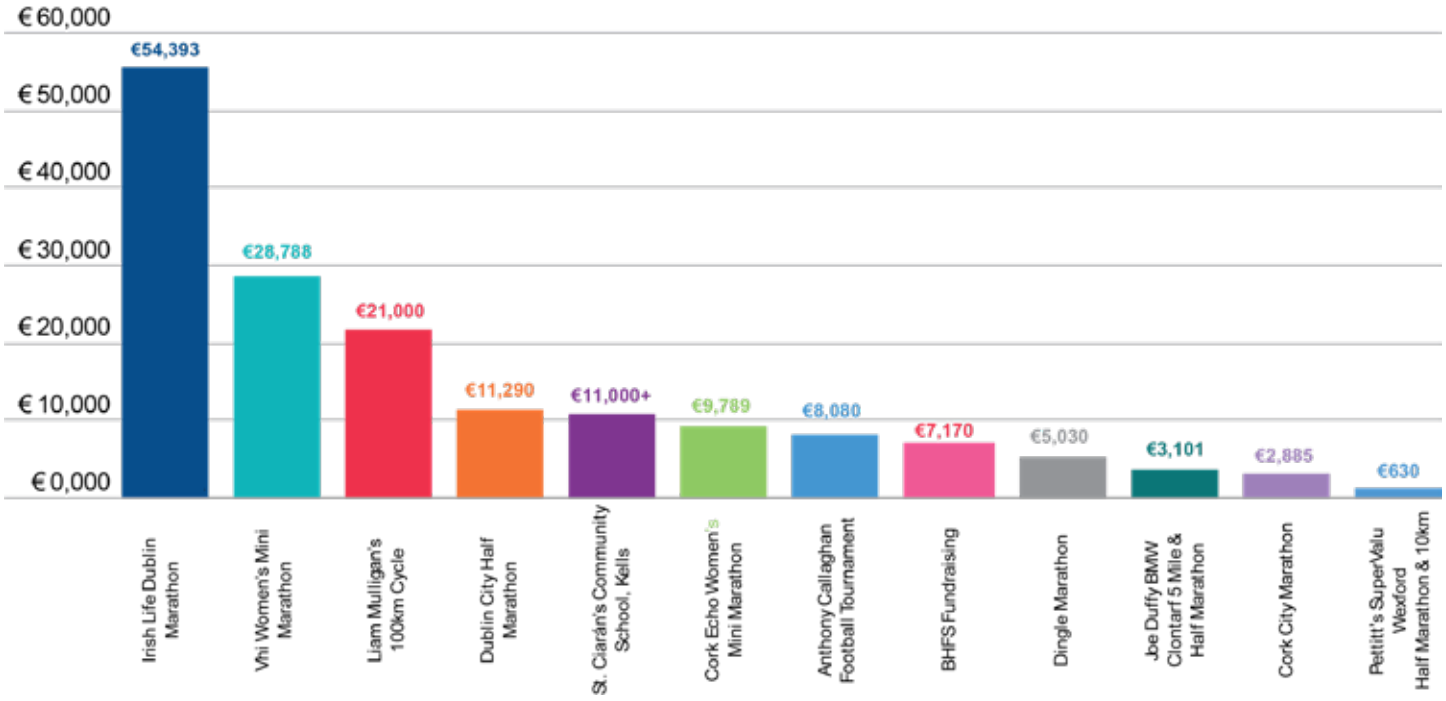
When Brian McNelis lost his cousin Paul after his cancer battle, he chose to honour his memory in a remarkable way. In May 2025, Brian set off on Pedalling for Paulie, a cycle from Malin Head to Mizen Head, raising money for BMLT in recognition of the support the Trust had given Paul.

Brian raised €5,905, nearly three times his original €2,000 target.

His journey showed how one person's determination can turn grief into action, helping other patients and families facing the challenges of blood cancer.

For more amazing fundraising stories, visit bonemarrowtrust.ie

Key Events 2025



Figures are based on publicly reported amounts for 2025 and include selected fundraising events. The total shown is an illustrative subtotal and not a verified annual fundraising total for BMLT. Final figures are subject to confirmation in the 2025 accounts

Financial Overview

Transparency, Accountability and Impact | Year ended 31 December 2025

The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust is committed to managing its funds responsibly and transparently, ensuring that the generosity of our donors and fundraisers continues to support patients and families affected by blood cancers.

As an independent Irish charity, BMLT relies on donations, fundraising initiatives and the responsible management of its assets to sustain its work. These resources help provide free accommodation for patients and their families, support patient care and specialist facilities, and contribute to research and education.

Our audited financial statements for 2025 provide an overview of the Trust's financial position and activities, demonstrating our commitment to accountability and the long-term sustainability of our charitable work.

2025 Financial Highlights

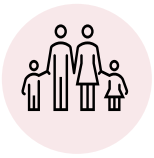
€408,081
Total Income
from donations & fundraising activies

€107,800
Operating & Administration Costs

€1,504,787
Surplus for the Financial Year *(* see note below)*
includes gains of investment property & investments.

€5,675,365
Total Assets
Less liabilities at 31st December 2025

Supporting Patients and Research



€99,754
Patient Support
helping us continue our support work

€269,845
Research Donations
supporting advances in the treatment of blood cancers

The reported annual surplus includes significant gains in the recorded value of investment property and investments. These gains are not necessarily cash income received by the trust.

* *Figures are drawn from the signed 2025 financial statements.*
Detailed expenditure figures above are from supplementary information not covered by the auditors' report.

Your Support In Action

A responsible approach to every euro

Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust is committed to using its resources carefully and directing its funding towards its charitable purpose. Every donation helps provide practical support for patients and families while contributing to better treatment and care.

Patient Accommodation

Seven apartments provided free of charge to patients and families.

Patient Care

Support for services, facilities and practical patient needs.

Research and Innovation

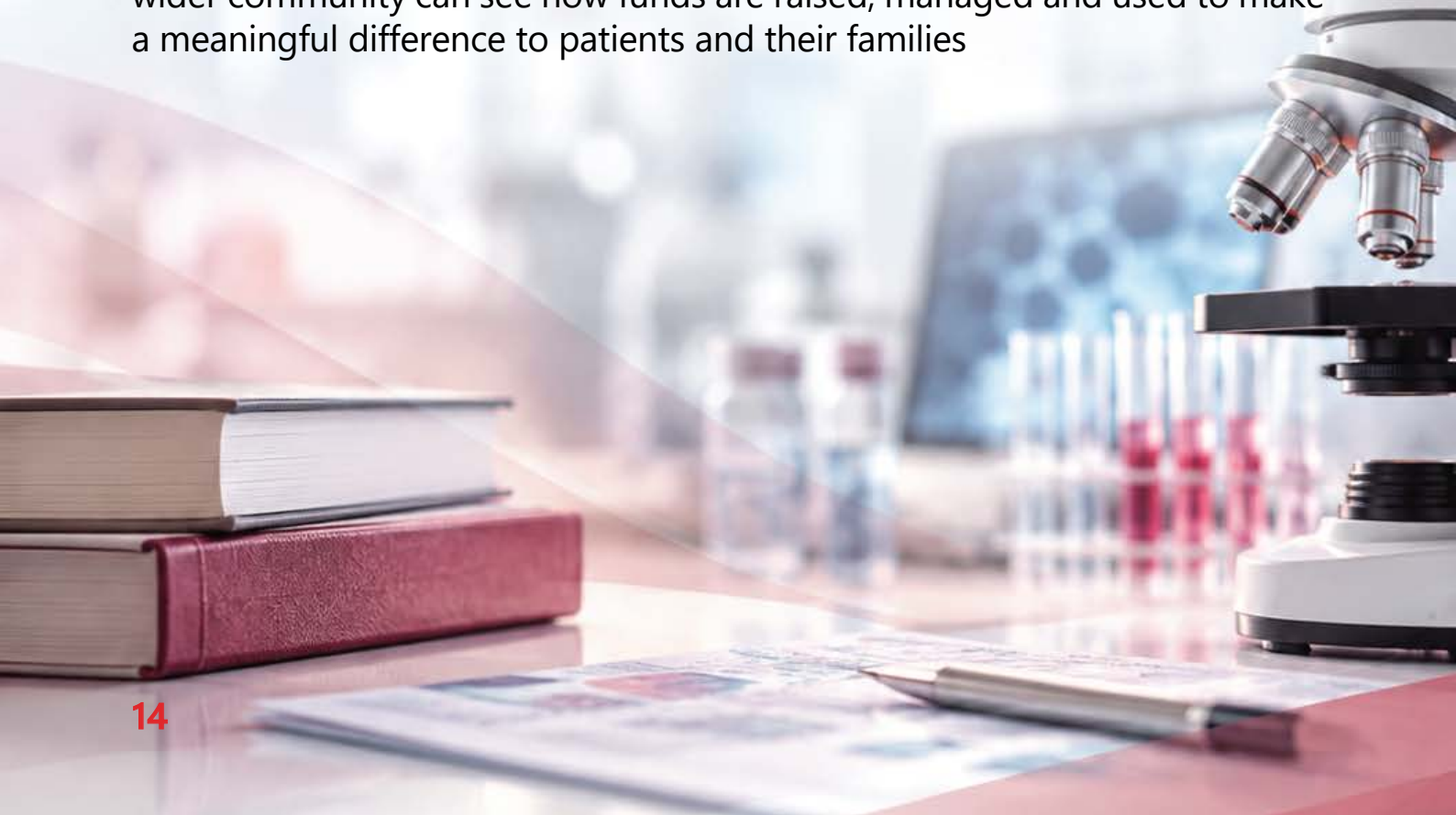
Investment in developments that can advance treatment options.

Education and Training

Supporting knowledge and expertise in blood cancer care.

Accountability Matters

Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust is committed to maintaining the highest standards of transparency, responsible financial management and good governance. We believe it is important that our supporters, donors and the wider community can see how funds are raised, managed and used to make a meaningful difference to patients and their families



Governance & Our People

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The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust is guided by a committed Board of Trustees and supported by a small team dedicated to fulfilling its charitable purpose with care, transparency and accountability.

Our Board of Trustees

Our trustees bring their time, experience and commitment to guiding the Trust and overseeing its work. Serving on a voluntary basis, they help ensure that Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust's resources are managed responsibly and directed towards supporting patients and families affected by blood cancers.

Our Team

Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust's small team works to deliver the Trust's objectives, coordinate its activities and maintain relationships with the patients, families, supporters and partners who make its work possible.

Our Commitment to Good Governance

Transparency, accountability and responsible financial management are central to how Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust operates. The Trust is committed to upholding the principles of the Charities Governance Code and ensuring that its work is carried out in the best interests of the people it exists to support.

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Charity Number 9693

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Thank You

for helping us bring hope, support and progress to patients and families across Ireland.

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