



Annual Review 2017/18



Welcome

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales provides physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy to children all over Wales who have cerebral palsy. Bobath therapists are state-registered and work together as a team to combine these disciplines to give each child the skills to explore their world, communicate their needs, maximise their potential and so improve their quality of life.

At Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales we focus on the ability and not the disability.

Chairman's Message

I am delighted to present our report for 2017-18. Once again we have delivered life-changing therapy for a record number of babies and children (see Centre Director's pages for details).

We have seen a step-change in growth over the year, with major funding gifts allowing us to progress our long term strategy. Thanks to a generous donation from the Moondance Foundation, the investigation of more suitable premises for the Centre is underway, together with a significant investment in the charity's future capacity. We were delighted also to receive a legacy that will underpin the Better Start baby programme for a further year.

The youngest children remain our priority, even as we strive to develop more services for older children and young adults. Our waiting list continues to grow, with an estimated 70 babies born each year in Wales who will have cerebral palsy. We want to be able to meet this need and provide lifelong services for children as they grow older.

Our plans for the future include continued growth, a commitment to delivering the best possible therapy, and sharing our expertise with a range of partners in order to benefit families with disabled children.

Financial results this year show a surplus of £1.67M. Please see financial details on page 9. It is important to clarify that over £1.5M is ring fenced for the purposes stipulated by the donors, therefore the charity must continue to generate income to underpin the Centre's day to day activities and meet the demands of the children and their families.

Finally I would like to thank all of our talented and caring staff, our volunteers, supporters and my fellow Trustees for their continued commitment to the charity.

J Frank Holmes



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

OVER THE YEAR WE HAVE DELIVERED



76

Four week
blocks of
therapy



109

Baby and toddler
blocks of
therapy



91

Children treated
at various types of
outreach service in
local communities



6

Children aged 3-5
treated during our
Jungle Camp
(daily for two weeks)



31

Initial consults for
newly diagnosed
children



5

Baby review
sessions



91

Review consults for
returning children



60

Single consults for
older children



343

Children treated

495

Therapy interventions for
children of all ages, from
the youngest at 4 months
to teenagers with very
different challenges

116



The number of families that had
one on one support from our family
support service, with individual
meetings, workshops, seminars,
talks and coffee mornings

14

Bobath trained therapists are
employed by Bobath Wales to
help make a difference to
children across Wales who have
cerebral palsy

100+

Dedicated volunteers give
their time to help us in
our retail shops, at events
and acting as ambassadors
across Wales



Therapy Update

During 2017/2018 we are delighted that the number of therapy interventions we have provided for children has risen from 449 in the previous year to 495 this year. Demand for our services still continues to grow, leading to the development of a wide range of service models to suit families.

Our ethos at Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales is very much about constant evaluation, improvement, responsiveness to families' needs, and sharing our findings with the wider clinical community. We also provide a family support service alongside our therapy services.

We constantly evaluate our services and present results of our work at national and international conferences. This year our therapists gave keynote speeches and presented academic posters on specialist areas such as:

- *The ICF - how we can integrate this into our clinical practice in children with neuro-disability*
- *EI SMART: a better start for high risk infants*
- *"Together for Health" - Service Re-organisation for Family Centredness*
- *Parent led review - Do therapists do what families ask them to do?*
- *The Key to Empowering Families (this poster was recommended for best poster award)*
- *Enhancing participatory communication in children with cerebral palsy GMFCS levels 4-5*

Our senior therapists also taught on a variety of specialist courses.

2017-18 was our 25th anniversary of providing specialist therapy in Wales. From modest beginnings in 1991, led by a passionate group of parents, we now have a staff team of 47 and over 100 dedicated volunteers to help us make life better for children who have cerebral palsy. In recognition of this achievement, we held a Family Fun Day in September to say thank you to all involved. With a theme of The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, it was a colourful and well-attended event much enjoyed by all.

Looking to the future, we continue to work towards our dream of opening a new Centre for Cerebral Palsy in Wales. Thanks to generous donations and legacies during the year we have been able to progress this aspiration, and are currently in the initial stages of designing a specification for a new Centre, including a plan for expanding our therapy services. This is incredibly exciting and I must thank the many professionals who have given their time to help us. We are thrilled to be working jointly with colleagues in the NHS to develop a Cerebral Palsy Register, which will in due course mean better care pathways for people with cerebral palsy.

I would like to thank our staff, trustees and wonderful volunteers for all their hard work. Everything we do is a team effort and the dedication of all involved is second to none. I look forward to the next year as we inch ever closer to our goals!

Jennifer J Carroll MA MCSP PGC(HE)
Centre Director/Consultant Physiotherapist

Fundraising Update

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our work with children and families possible throughout 2017-18.

Philanthropic income is vital to Bobath Wales. This year, 76% of our total revenue funding came from donations, fundraising activity and the sale of pre-loved goods in our shops; the remaining 24% from statutory sources.

We provide our services free of charge to every child. Over the past 25 years we have considered whether we should charge for our services, but our ethos is to provide specialist therapy and practical and emotional support, regardless of financial capacity, where it is needed most.

Quite simply, we would not have been able to support so many children and families this year without the generosity of individuals, trusts and foundations, businesses, community groups and councils, schools and shoppers.

Every gift makes a real difference and without our invaluable supporters and incredible volunteers our service provision would be dramatically reduced.

A heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone who gave to us financially but also in terms of time, expertise and skills throughout the year.

Rachel Morgan
Head of Income Generation



Here are just some of the stories of the amazing people who have helped us to raise this extraordinary amount in the year

The family of Hari Meldrum, who died in 2016 aged just 2, raised a phenomenal £11,488 in his memory.



The Cardiff office of Eversheds Sutherland completed their two year Charity of the Year partnership. In total the team raised a fantastic £11,782, attended many of our events, and donated many invaluable hours in volunteer time helping to sort donations at our warehouse.

£1.5M was donated by the Moondance Foundation. This is the largest single gift ever received by the charity. It is designated entirely to helping us grow and develop for the future to meet the ever growing demand of children who need our support.



We received £102,270 from a very special gift made in a Will. This is being used to help us continue to fund our services for babies.



The Hodge Foundation generously gave a further £100,000 to underpin Better Start, Better Future; the Cyril Trust awarded us £70,000 to help to continue our services for children of all ages; a grant of £9,206 from Children in Need enabled us to run our first-of-its-kind Jungle Camp for children with hemiplegia; and a gift of £42,500 from the Trust for Sick Children in Wales enabled us to invest in much-needed replacement computers for our therapists and a new van for our shops.



18

Teams took part in our Annual Golf Day which for the first time took place at the prestigious Celtic Manor, thanks to the support of ACT Training

1,580

Miles were run, cycled and swum by our exceptional and unstoppable Centre Director Jenny Carroll who raised £4,000 in celebration of 25 years of Bobath Wales



792

People and organisations helped us raise our total funds

1,000+

Cakes were eaten during our Bake for Bobath appeal throughout March



310

Guests who attended our spectacular Silver Anniversary Birthday Ball in June helped to raise a fantastic £25,000

164,141

Sales occurred in our charity shops – with the 5th in the chain, our Talbot Green store, opened by ambassador Lucy Owen in October 2017



THANKYOU

Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2017-18
we simply could not have helped so many children and families without you!

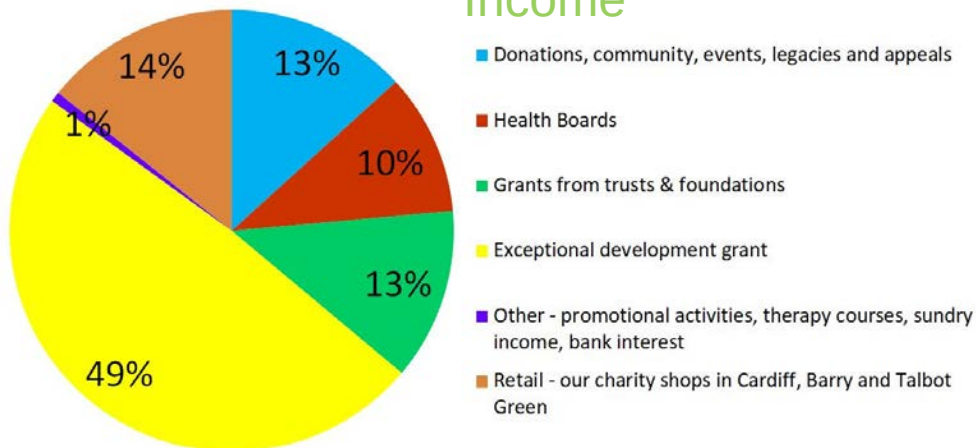
Financial Report

- Total Income **£3,068,869**
- Expenditure **£1,398,975**
- Fundraised income **£791,247**
- Exceptional donation **£1,500,000** (fundraising)
- Retail **£437,635**
- Health Boards **£317,425**
- Courses **£12,189**

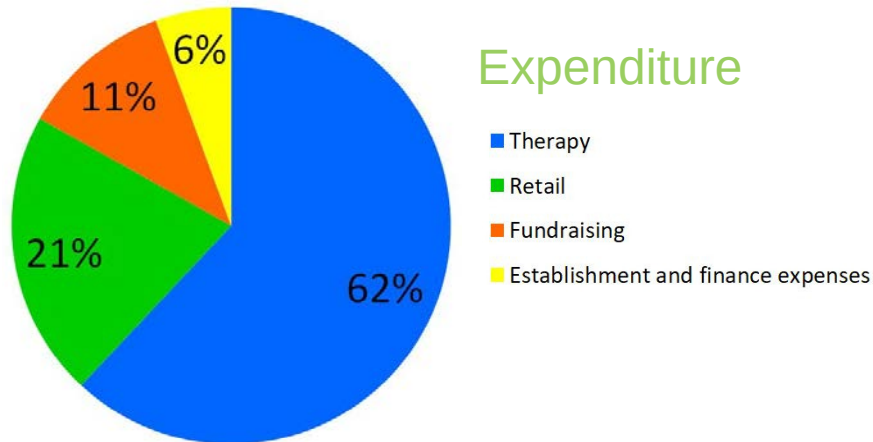
Whilst this year's surplus is a tremendous result, we are keenly aware that we need to continue "business as usual" in our fundraising efforts, in order to sustain the charity's core activities. We are very grateful to all our supporters and hope you will continue to help us deliver life-changing services for children who have cerebral palsy. Thank you.

Full details can be found in the annual accounts which can be found on www.bobathwales.org

Income



Expenditure



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