



Cope Foundation

Presentation to the

**Cope Golf Alliance
Committee**

27th January 2020

Cope Golf Alliance Donations by year



- 2016: €38,000
- 2017: €37,500
- 2018: €35,000
- 2019: €38,500

Total = €149,000

SLT AAC Project – Golf Alliance Funds

Funding received: €37,500



4 Key Spending Areas:

- 1) **AAC High Tech Assessment Clinic** Investment in AAC equipment to develop an assessment space for individuals across all cognitive levels and with a range of mobility needs
- 2) **Low Tech Investment.** Further investment in low tech equipment with additional protocols to ensure equipment is being used appropriately.
- 3) **iPad Investment.** To upgrade current iPads and increase availability of iPads to SLT team to promote AAC use for all.
- 4) **Ongoing training for the SLT department** and establishing local links with others.

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- **AAC High Tech Assessment**

Funds were used to create a clinic space where SLTs can complete assessments with individuals to determine suitability of device and software. A range of hardware and software, including various mounting and access options were purchased.

- **Local AAC provider SafeCare Technologies** spent time with members of the SLT team to identify and select a variety of equipment. SafeCare Technologies provided valuable training and AT assistance with the set-up of this space in 2019.

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•Low Tech Investment:

Money was spent on increasing the stock of low tech toys and communication aides such as switch activated toys, blue tooth switches, tactile objects of reference, picture exchange communication systems (PECS). Each service area has better access to low tech equipment making assisted communication accessible to all service users regardless of cognitive ability and accessibility.

•iPad Investment:

Money largely went to the purchasing of 25 iPads and covers to replace outdated iPads in the department and to allow for regular access to iPads for all SLTs.

By increasing access to iPads SLTs can introduce AAC to all service users efficiently and regularly.

Furthermore, iPads lend to timely video coaching and more efficient training run by SLT. In addition to the iPads money was also spent on purchasing apps for communication and speech-language therapy. Additional miscellaneous items such as VGA leads and speakers were also purchased.

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Further Spending:

- In 2019 the SLT team commenced the audit of training needs in this area for SLTs, all MDT members and staff working in Cope Foundation.
- This was done so that we could plan how to use the new resources funded by the donation from the Cope Golf Alliance to provide training that will maximise outcomes for individuals across the Foundation.

What will the current available funds be used for?



- As you may recall you were informed that this money Was to be used to refurbish a respite home in Skibbereen.
- Unfortunately we have not been able to proceed with this project due to factors out side of our control.
- The money provided by the Alliance remains ringfenced and will not be spent until the appropriate project is identified.

What will the current available funds be used for?



- It has been agreed internally that the development of an Independent Living training facility would be very beneficial in assisting the Foundation realizing the dream of many of the people we support.
- Therefore we are proposing to designate the currently available funds for the purchase of a 2 bedroomed apartment somewhere in Cork City that will be developed into a training facility for **Independent living.**