



GPA Annual Report 2024

WELFARE HIGHLIGHTS

PSWC

Thank you to our GPA Player Safety and Welfare Committee members for their guidance and direction on key player welfare focuses throughout the year.



David Kelly



Rena Buckley



Kevin Feely



Patricia Jackman



Evan Regan



Clíodhna O'Connor

CARDIAC SCREENING

590 players underwent cardiac screening during the year with 3 serious heart conditions identified. We were able to coordinate support for these members for potentially life-saving surgeries.

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PLAYER TESTIMONIAL

PAUL BOYLE (ANTRIM HURLING)


“Over the course of the last year the GPA’s support has been invaluable. After a cardiac screening flagged a heart issue, the GPA provided financial support to cover the costs of two operations.

They also helped in other ways throughout my recovery offering guidance and regular check-ins.

I am extremely grateful for everything that Arron, Colm and Tom have done for me. I didn’t actually know myself the scope of the GPA’s support until last year.

It’s very reassuring that the GPA are there to turn to if needed.”

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UPMC PRIORITY ACCESS TO CARE

22 players were supported with our "Priority Access to Care" initiative along with UPMC, fast-tracking scans, consultations and treatments for these members.



GAA INJURY BENEFIT FUND

There was an increase in loss of wages cover within the GAA Injury Benefit Fund. GPA members now have access to an increase in loss of wages cover from €600 for week 2-4, to €700 from week 2-10.



PAST PLAYER MEDICAL OR SURGICAL INTERVENTION FUND

9 past players accessed €80,000 in financial support through our joint GPA & GAA past player medical or surgical intervention fund.



PRE SEASON COMPETITIONS

We were successful in lobbying for the suspension of Pre-Season competitions for 2025, along with the implementation of the No Contact November period which will help with the aim of ensuring a proper off-season for players. We will continue to work with all key stakeholders to enhance its structure and implementation for the end of the 2025 season.