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ESSENTIAL CARE & SUPPORT LTD

UNAUDITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 MARCH 2022

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Report to the Directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory financial statements of Essential Care & Support Ltd for the year ended 30 March 2022

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of Essential Care & Support Ltd (the 'company') based on the information you have provided. These financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Position of Essential Care & Support Ltd as at 30 March 2022, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

We performed this compilation engagement in accordance with International Standard on Related Services 4410 (Revised), 'Compilation Engagements'.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to assist you in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com

These financial statements and the accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them are your responsibility.

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information you provided to us to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on whether these financial statements are prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

This report is made solely to the Company's Directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 12 August 2022. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of the company and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Company's Directors, as a body, in this report in accordance with our engagement letter dated 12 August 2022. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and its Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

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Chartered Accountants

Liverpool

Date: 3/2/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	4	124,800	145,600
Tangible assets	5	92,132	54,854
		<u>216,932</u>	<u>200,454</u>
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	6,177,284	4,040,250
Cash at bank and in hand		9,964	5,287
		<u>6,187,248</u>	<u>4,045,537</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,121,997)	(2,359,340)
Net current assets		<u>2,065,251</u>	<u>1,686,197</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,282,183</u>	<u>1,886,651</u>
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred tax	8	(4,350)	(6,282)
		<u>(4,350)</u>	<u>(6,282)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,277,833</u></u>	<u><u>1,880,369</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		100	100
Profit and loss account		2,277,733	1,880,269
		<u><u>2,277,833</u></u>	<u><u>1,880,369</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)
AS AT 30 MARCH 2022

The Directors consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Company has opted not to file the statement of comprehensive income in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

David Rowe-Bewick

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Director

Date: 27/1/2023

The notes on pages 4 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 MARCH 2022**

1. General information

Essential Care & Support Ltd is a private company limited by shares & incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered number is 04946148. Its registered office is located at Suite 22 The Globe Centre, St James Square, Accrington, England, BB5 0RE.

2. Accounting policies**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

In the annual review of the Company's status as a going concern, the Directors have considered the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic the Government provided additional assistance to the Care Sector to ensure continuity of service, this support was materially withdrawn at the end of March-22. The Company continues to incur additional costs in relation to lasting effects of COVID-19 on the Care Sector in the form of additional cleaning and PPE, and in particular, the widely publicised impact on recruitment leading to increased agency costs. However, the Directors have prepared and assessed future forecasts based on receiving no further funding and do not consider there to be any present risk to the going concern status of the Company.

2.3 Turnover

Turnover represents consideration received in respect of the provision of care, support services to individuals. Revenue is recognised in respect of contracted or delivered services provided within the relevant period in accordance with contracted terms. Revenue invoiced in advance of the relevant period is included within deferred income until the recognition criteria are met. Revenue recognised in relation to the relevant period, but not yet invoiced is included within accrued income.

2.4 Operating leases: the Company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

2.5 Government grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to profit or loss at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the profit or loss in the same period as the related expenditure.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)**2.6 Pensions****Defined contribution pension plan**

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.7 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the reporting date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

2.8 Intangible assets**Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on the cost of a business combination and the acquirer's interest in the fair value of its identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis to profit or loss over 10 years.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)**2.9 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	-	5%
Motor vehicles	-	33%
Fixtures and fittings	-	20%
Computers	-	33%

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.10 Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.12 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)**2.13 Financial instruments**

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit or loss.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including Directors, during the year was 222 (2021 - 218)

4. Intangible assets

	Goodwill £
Cost	
At 31 March 2021 and 30 March 2022	208,000
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Amortisation and impairment	
At 31 March 2021	62,400
Charge for the year	20,800
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At 30 March 2022	83,200
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Carrying amount	
At 30 March 2022	124,800
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<i>At 30 March 2021</i>	<i>145,600</i>
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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost					
At 31 March 2021	7,429	5,910	62,198	28,830	104,367
Additions	1,482	-	46,824	1,566	49,872
Disposals	-	(5,910)	(1,751)	-	(7,661)
At 30 March 2022	<u>8,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,271</u>	<u>30,396</u>	<u>146,578</u>
Depreciation					
At 31 March 2021	1,052	3,534	32,122	12,805	49,513
Charge for the year	440	1,367	1,516	6,511	9,834
Disposals	-	(4,901)	-	-	(4,901)
At 30 March 2022	<u>1,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,638</u>	<u>19,316</u>	<u>54,446</u>
Net book value					
At 30 March 2022	<u>7,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,633</u>	<u>11,080</u>	<u>92,132</u>
At 30 March 2021	<u>6,377</u>	<u>2,376</u>	<u>30,076</u>	<u>16,025</u>	<u>54,854</u>

6. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	637,566	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,819,169	3,602,230
Prepayments and accrued income	720,549	437,190
Tax recoverable	-	830
	<u>6,177,284</u>	<u>4,040,250</u>

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7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	577,048	66,692
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,236,068	1,328,412
Corporation tax	188,582	75,072
Other taxation and social security	216,907	154,002
Other creditors	709,434	662,124
Accruals and deferred income	193,958	73,038
	<u>4,121,997</u>	<u>2,359,340</u>

8. Deferred taxation

	2022
	£
At beginning of year	(6,282)
Charged to profit or loss	1,932
At end of year	<u>(4,350)</u>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed asset timing differences	(10,431)	(6,282)
Short term timing differences	6,081	-
	<u>(4,350)</u>	<u>(6,282)</u>

9. Contingent liabilities

The company has provided a security to AIB Group (UK) PLC on behalf of its intermediate parent company, National Care Group Ltd for its liabilities of £20,930,750 (2021 : £17,312,750) by way of fixed and floating charges over the assets of the company

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10. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £74,474 (2021: £62,695). Contributions totalling £24,325 (2021: £17,353) were payable to the fund at the Statement of Financial Position date and are included in other creditors.

11. Commitments under operating leases

At 30 March 2022 the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	124,230	121,600
Between two and five years	106,603	181,167
	<u>230,833</u>	<u>302,767</u>

12. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by section 1A of FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned members of the group headed by National Care Group Holdings Limited.

13. Controlling party

The immediate parent company is National Care Group Ltd and the ultimate parent company is National Care Group Holdings Limited, both companies are registered in England and Wales, and controlled by the Directors.

National Care Group Holdings Limited prepares group financial statements and copies can be obtained from Companies House.