Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited Financial Statements 31 March 2022

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Strategic Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company controlling a group that manages care homes. The group operates the following homes:

- 1. Amberley Hall Care Home, Kings Lynn, which is a nursing home that provides accommodation, nursing care and support for up to 106 people some of whom may live with dementia or a physical disability.
- 2. Goodwins Hall Care Home, Kings Lynn, which is a nursing home that provides accommodation for up to 78 people who may require nursing and/or personal care.
- 3. Aria Court Care Home, March, Cambridgeshire, which is a nursing home that provides accommodation, nursing care and support for up to 92 people, some of whom have mental health needs.
- 4. Ashlynn Grange Care Home, Peterborough, which is a nursing home that provides accommodation for mainly older people who require nursing and/or personal care. The number of registered beds is 156, but currently the company utilises a maximum of 114.
- 5. Avocet Court Care Home, Ipswich, which is a nursing home that provides accommodation, nursing care and support for up to 153 people, some of whom have mental health needs.

Results and performance

Results of the group for the year, as set out on page 11, show a profit before taxation of £3,913,230 (2021: £3,910,494). Cash generated from operations during the year amounted to £3,033,814 (2021: £4,831,744). The shareholders' funds of the group at 31 March 2022 totalled £17,346,827 (2021: £14,509,037). At the financial year end, the group was operating a total of 5 homes. Management has concentrated recovering from COVID-19 by recovering and further enhancing both the revenue (occupancy and fees) and profitability of each home. The results show that some progress has been made.

The global pandemic has obviously impacted on the performance of the business in the reported financial year and will continue to do so on the year ahead. Support from Government has helped offset some of the increased costs but recruitment shortages and cost inflation will be an ongoing problem for the sector. The business intends to recover its pre-pandemic financial position and continue its development programme.

Business environment

The care home market is competitive and highly regulated. The group holds a licence to operate each care home and receives regular inspections from the Care Quality Commission. The group continues to work with the relevant authorities to maintain and improve the high standard of care that management strives to provide.

Strategic Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Strategy

As part of its commitment to provide quality care, the group has ambitions and plans to expand its portfolio of homes both by acquisition and new builds.

The focus at each of the group's homes is to create a community that offers activity, independence and choice, giving residents the ability to live their lives the way they really want to. Management is dedicated to developing quality environments and high standards of care. The group is dependent upon attracting and retaining quality nursing and other qualified team members and relies on their professionalism and efficiency in satisfying both the needs of residents and health and safety issues. Training is undertaken to develop the team, deliver high quality person-centred care and mitigate operational risk associated with providing care to older people. By following this strategy, the directors seek to create a thriving, caring and profitable care group.

Key performance indicators

The group has made significant progress throughout the year in relation to key elements of its strategy. The group produces detailed management reports and accounts on a monthly basis and a number of Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") are an integral part of this process. The monthly management reports and accounts focus on the actual performance of the business compared with the budget set for the current financial period. The financial KPIs that are part of this review process include (1) average weekly fee, (2) EBITDA %age (Earnings Before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation and Amortisation) and (3) employment cost %age. Non-financial KPIs include occupancy, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of available beds, together with compliance with external regulators.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the group are broadly categorised as commercial, operational and financial risk.

Commercial

The principal commercial risk that the group faces is loss of its reputation through any adverse reports from relevant regulators. The directors have put in place arrangements to ensure that standards are maintained and enhanced through central support, the employment and retention of quality team members and the maintenance of high quality facilities.

Operational

The operational challenge of recruitment and retention of good quality team members is managed through targeting a zero agency culture whereby the company actively monitors agency usage, adopting both a group and local approach to recruitment and investment in team inductions and training.

Strategic Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Financial

The principal financial risk to the business is attributable to its bank loan. There is the possibility that bank interest rates increase in future from their historically low levels. However, the ratios of the bank loan to current value and interest to EBITDA are both low and this will further improve as the portfolio of homes shows financial improvement. The group's bank loan is subject to financial covenants and the directors continue to monitor these to ensure that they are complied with.

With the low gearing, the group's credit risk is low, being primarily attributable to its trade debtors. All credit risk, both publicly and privately-funded, is managed by monitoring payments against contractual agreements. The group monitors cash flow as part of its day to day control procedures. The board considers cash flow projections on a regular basis and ensures that appropriate facilities are available to be drawn upon as necessary.

The group faces financial risk from the inflationary pressures on team costs. Any future changes in the National Living Wage will have significant impact on labour cost differentials for the care sector. The group budgets carefully for labour cost differentials arising from National Minimum Wage and Living Wage increases and the associated impact on cash flow and profitability.

Future developments

The directors are confident about the continuing financial performance of the business. The directors continue to seek favourable opportunities to expand the number of homes operated by the group.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 22 March 2023 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs M Agarwal Director

Directors' Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Directors

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Mr U Agarwal Mrs M Agarwal

Dividends

Particulars of recommended dividends are detailed in note 12 to the financial statements.

Employment of disabled persons

The group continues to pursue a policy of giving every consideration to the employment of disabled persons. Employees who are registered disabled persons are, to the greatest possible extent, treated on the same basis as all other employees and given every opportunity to develop their full working potential within the group, through training, career development and promotion. The group is committed to providing equal opportunities to employees. The employment of disabled persons is included in this commitment and the recruitment, training, career development and promotion of disabled persons is based on the aptitudes and abilities of the individual. Where employees have become disabled whilst in the service of the group, every effort is made to rehabilitate them in their former occupation or some suitable alternative and if necessary, appropriate training would be provided.

Employee involvement

Every effort is made by the directors and management to inform, consult and encourage the full involvement of team members on matters concerning them as employees and affecting the group's performance. The group continues to regard communication with its employees as a key aspect of its policies. Information is given to employees about employment matters and about the financial and economic factors affecting the group's performance through management channels, internal media methods and by way of of attendance at internal seminars and training programmes. Employees are encouraged to discuss operational and strategic issues with their line management and to make suggestions aimed at improving performance.

Going concern

The group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its financial position, financial risk management objectives and details of its exposures to other risks are described in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 4. The group has considerable long term funding in place from its bankers and continues to be profitable with a positive cash flow. As a consequence, the directors believe that the group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company and the group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Disclosure of information in the strategic report

A review of the business, principal risks and uncertainties and likely future developments are discussed in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 4.

Directors' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the company and the profit or loss of the group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the group and the company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware
 of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group and the company's auditor is
 aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 22 March 2023 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs M Agarwal

Director

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited

Year ended 31 March 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the consolidated income statement, company statement of income and retained earnings, consolidated statement of income and retained earnings, consolidated statement of financial position, company statement of financial position, consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In planning and designing our audit tests we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement within the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. Our assessment of these risks includes consideration of the nature of the industry and sector, the control environment and the business performance along with the results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of risks and irregularities. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act, UK tax legislation and other laws and regulations identified as risk areas identified from our discussions with management.

We communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

After consideration of the above risks we then carried out audit procedures including the following:

- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of management meetings;
- reviewing correspondence with H M Revenue & Customs;
- enquiring of management and reviewing any correspondence with legal advisors concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements:
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that the laws and regulations are from financial transactions the less likely it is that we would be aware on non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Oliver Ross BSc (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Muras Baker Jones Limited Chartered accountants & statutory auditor

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22 March 2023

Consolidated Income Statement

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	4	20,533,846	20,040,368
Cost of sales		(14,654,889)	(14,624,773)
Gross profit		5,878,957	5,415,595
Administrative expenses Other operating income	5	(3,191,202) 1,569,035	(2,641,026) 1,488,297
Operating profit	6	4,256,790	4,262,866
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenses	9 10	154 (343,714)	2,791 (355,163)
Profit before taxation		3,913,230	3,910,494
Tax on profit	11	(875,440)	(794,378)
Profit for the financial year		3,037,790	3,116,116

All the activities of the group are from continuing operations.

Consolidated Statement of Income and Retained Earnings

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income Dividends paid and payable	12	3,037,790 (200,000)	3,116,116 (165,000)
Retained earnings at the start of the year		9,231,037	6,279,921
Retained earnings at the end of the year		12,068,827	9,231,037

Company Statement of Income and Retained Earnings

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income Dividends paid and payable	12	576,533 (200,000)	873,732 (165,000)
Retained earnings at the start of the year		2,450,967	1,742,235
Retained earnings at the end of the year		2,827,500	2,450,967

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note		2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	13		24,733,729	25,102,008
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	15 16	30,000 1,736,987 10,818,406 12,585,393		70,462 2,045,740 8,999,745 11,115,947
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(5,121,095)		(5,680,918)
Net current assets			7,464,298	5,435,029
Total assets less current liabilities			32,198,027	30,537,037
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(14,500,000)	(15,750,000)
Provisions Taxation including deferred tax	19	·	(351,200)	(278,000)
Net assets			17,346,827	14,509,037
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Merger relief reserve Profit and loss account	24 25 25		100 5,277,900 12,068,827	100 5,277,900 9,231,037
Shareholders' funds			17,346,827	14,509,037

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 22 March 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs M Agarwal Director

Company registration number: 9202115

Company Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note		2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	13		25,192	22,439
Investments	14		13,150,236	13,150,236
			13,175,428	13,172,675
Current assets				
Stocks	15	30,000		70,462
Debtors	16	9,790,417		10,711,517
Cash at bank and in hand		3,721,697		3,737,347
		13,542,114		14,519,326
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(4,107,042)		(4,208,834)
Net current assets			9,435,072	10,310,492
Total assets less current liabilities			22,610,500	23,483,167
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(14,500,000)	(15,750,000)
Provisions				
Taxation including deferred tax	19		(5,000)	(4,200)
Net assets			8,105,500	7,728,967
				
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital	24		100	100
Merger relief reserve Profit and loss account	25 25		5,277,900 2,827,500	5,277,900 2,450,967
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Shareholders' funds			8 <u>,105,500</u>	7,728,967

The profit for the financial year of the parent company was £576,533 (2021: £873,732).

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 22 March 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs M Agarwal Director

Company registration number: 9202115

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities Profit for the financial year	3,037,790	3,116,116
Adjustments for: Depreciation of tangible assets Government grant income Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenses Tax on profit Accrued (income)/expenses	542,892 (1,569,035) (154) 343,714 875,440 (29,390)	598,343 (1,488,297) (2,791) 355,163 794,378 163,418
Changes in: Stocks Trade and other debtors Trade and other creditors	40,462 239,738 (447,643)	(70,462) 142,516 1,223,360
Cash generated from operations	3,033,814	4,831,744
Interest paid Interest received Tax paid	(343,714) 154 (815,346)	(355,163) 2,791 (576,849)
Net cash from operating activities	1,874,908	3,902,523
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of tangible assets Not each used in investing activities	(174,613)	(280,968) (280,968)
Net cash used in investing activities	(174,613)	(280,900)
Cash flows from financing activities (Repayment)/proceeds of borrowings Government grant income Dividends paid Net cash from financing activities	(1,250,669) 1,569,035 (200,000) 118,366	669 1,488,297 (165,000) 1,323,966
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,818,661 8,999,745	4,945,521 4,054,224
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	10,818,406	8,999,745

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Unit 5, Russel House, Southfields Business Park, Hornsby Way, Laindon, Essex, SS15 6TF.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Disclosure exemptions

The parent company satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following reduced disclosures available under FRS 102:

- (a) Disclosures in respect of each class of share capital have not been presented.
- (b) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (c) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.
- (d) No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel.

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings. In a prior accounting period, Athena Care Homes (UK) Limited was used to acquire the shares of Athena Care Homes (Gaywood) Limited. The substance of this business combination effected by the new parent company was a merger and as a result, the new parent company and the other party were combined by using merger accounting, as the relative rights of the ultimate shareholders did not alter. The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of subsequent business combinations using the purchase method. In the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, the acquirer's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of subsequent business combinations are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of these acquired operations are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases. All financial statements are made up to 31 March each year.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiary undertakings to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the group.

The parent company has applied the exemption contained in section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its individual statement of comprehensive income.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The actual results may differ from these results.

The judgements, estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of material adjustment to the carrying value of assets and liabilities are:

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values where appropriate. The actual lives of assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal value.

Trade debtors:

The group has recognised impairment provisions in respect of bad and doubtful trade debtors. The judgements, estimates and associated assumptions necessary to calculate these provisions are based on historical experience and other reasonable factors.

Revenue recognition

Turnover from the management of care homes is recognised at the fair value of the consideration receivable for the sale of services provided to external customers during the year in the normal course of business. Turnover is recognised when services are provided to the customer.

Income tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold buildings Plant and machinery 2% pa straight line 12.5% pa straight line

Fixtures and fittings

20% pa straight line

Equipment

20% pa straight line

Freehold land is not subject to depreciation.

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, 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 the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Financial assets:

Financial assets comprise cash at bank, short term investments, trade debtors, other debtors, and other loans. These are initially recorded at cost on the date they originate and are subsequently recorded at amortised cost under the effective interest method, if applicable. The company considers evidence of impairment for all individual trade and other debtors, and any resultant impairment is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Impairment of financial assets:

Impairment provisions are recognised when there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Objective evidence includes significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, default or significant delays in payment. Impairment provisions represent the difference between the carrying amount of a financial asset and the value of the expected future cash receipts from that asset.

Financial liabilities:

Financial liabilities comprise other loans, trade creditors, other creditors and accruals and deferred income; these are initially recorded, and subsequently carried, at cost on the date they originate.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand with any qualifying financial institution, less overdrafts from any qualifying financial institution repayable on demand together with short term investments. Deposits are repayable on demand if they can be withdrawn at any time without notice and without penalty or if a maturity or period of notice of not more than 24 hours or one working day has been agreed.

Holiday pay accruals

A liability is recognised to the extent any unused holiday pay entitlement has accrued at the balance sheet date and has been carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted payroll cost of the future holiday entitlement.

4. Turnover

Turnover arises from:	2022 £	2021 £
Management of residential care homes	20,533,846	20,040,368

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activity of the group wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

5. Other operating income

		2022 £	2021 £
	Government grant income	1,569,035	1,488,297
6.	Operating profit		
	Operating profit or loss is stated after charging:	2022 £	2021 £
	Depreciation of tangible assets Impairment of trade debtors	542,892 1,684	598,343 8,384
7.	Auditor's remuneration		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	21,803	20,000

The auditor's remuneration is inclusive of irrecoverable value added tax. The auditor did not receive any fees for non-audit services.

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8. Staff costs

Ο.	Stail Costs	•	
	The average number of persons employed by the group during the amounted to:	year, including	the directors,
	Care team members Management and administration	2022 No. 573 39	2021 No. 598 39
		612	637
	The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year, relating to the a	above, were: 2022 £	2021 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	10,704,563 778,397 203,595	10,912,061 743,872 194,054
		1,686,555	11,849,987
9.	Other interest receivable and similar income		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Interest on loans and receivables Other interest receivable and similar income	154 	2,753 38
10.	Interest payable and similar expenses		=
10.	interest payable and similar expenses		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Interest on banks loans and overdrafts Interest on obligations under finance leases and hire purchase	341,634	354,210
	contracts Other interest payable and similar charges	1,410 670	953
		343,714	355,163
11.	Tax on profit		
	Major components of tax income		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Current tax:		
	UK current tax income Adjustments in respect of prior periods	802,500 (260)	778,079 (2,701)
	Total current tax	802,240	775,378

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11. Tax on profit (continued)

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rax on pront (commuted)		
	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred tax: Origination and reversal of timing differences	73,200	19,000
Tax on profit	875,440	794,378
Reconciliation of tax expense		
The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%)		(2021: higher
	2022 £	2021 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3,913,230	3,910,494
Profit on ordinary activities by rate of tax	743,512	742,993
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(260)	(2,701)
Effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	56,540 (8.760)	53,760
Effect of capital allowances and depreciation Rounding on tax charge	(8,760) 183	_
Sundry adjustments	(57)	326
Change in tax rate	84,282	-
Tax on profit	875,440	794,378
Dividends		
	2022 £	2021 £
Dividends paid during the year (excluding those for which a liability existed at the end of the prior year)	200,000	165,000

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13. Tangible as	ssets
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	Group	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 April 2021 Additions	26,686,035 2,163	997,508 25,683	1,433,080 123,622	271,159 23,145	29,387,782 174,613
	At 31 March 2022	26,688,198	1,023,191	1,556,702	294,304	29,562,395
	Depreciation At 1 April 2021 Charge for the year	2,434,806 253,631	719,288 59,928	952,345 188,211	179,335 41,122	4,285,774 542,892
	At 31 March 2022	2,688,437	779,216	1,140,556	220,457	4,828,666
	Carrying amount At 31 March 2022	23,999,761	243,975	416,146	73,847	24,733,729
	At 31 March 2021	24,251,229	278,220	480,735	91,824	25,102,008
	Company			Fixtures and fittings	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 April 2021 Additions			9,997 —	22,903 10,326	32,900 10,326
	At 31 March 2022			9,997	33,229	43,226
	Depreciation At 1 April 2021 Charge for the year			2,404 1,876	8,057 5,697	10,461 7,573
	At 31 March 2022			4,280	13,754	18,034
	Carrying amount At 31 March 2022		÷	5,717	19,475	25,192
	At 31 March 2021			7,593	14,846	22,439
4.	Investments					
	The group has no inves	stments.				
	Company					Shares in group undertaking s £
	Cost At 1 April 2021 and 31	l March 2022				13,150,236
	Impairment At 1 April 2021 and 31	March 2022		·		

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14. Investments (continued)

Company	Shares in
	group
•	undertaking
	s
	£
Carrying amount	42 450 226
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	13,150,236
At 31 March 2021	13,150,236

Subsidiaries

Details of the investments in which the parent company has an interest of 20% or more are as follows:

Class of share	of shares held
Ordinary	100
	Ordinary Ordinary Ordinary Ordinary

Each company trades as care home operators. In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the company's balance sheet. The percentage referred to is in respect of both the nominal value and voting rights of the share capital.

15. Stocks

	•	Group		Company	
		2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
	Finished goods and goods for resale	30,000	70,462	30,000	70,462
16.	Debtors				•
		Grou		Com	oanv
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Trade debtors	1,326,789	1,649,175	_	_
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	_	_	9,365,945	10,419,127
	Prepayments and accrued income	408,948	396,565	90,872	25,729
	Corporation tax repayable	_	_	333,600	266,661
	Other debtors	1,250			
		1,736,987	2,045,740	9,790,417	10,711,517

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17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Comp	any
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Trade creditors	1,741,740	1,754,297	204,201	222,764
Amounts owed to group undertakings	_	_	2,827,675	2,926,378
Accruals and deferred income	1,574,441	1,681,832	73,353	55,538
Corporation tax	624,829	637,935	_	_
Social security and other taxes	158,982	162,417	_	_
Director loan accounts	· _	669	_	669
Other creditors	21,103	443,768	1,813	3,485
	5,121,095	5,680,918	4,107,042	4,208,834

The bank loan is secured by a first legal charge over the group's freehold land and buildings and by a fixed and floating charge over the group's current and future assets.

18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Gro	Group		pany
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	14,500,000	15,750,000	14,500,000	15,750,000

The bank loan is secured by a first legal charge over the group's freehold land and buildings and by a fixed and floating charge over the group's current and future assets.

19. Provisions

Group	Deferred tax (note 20)
At 1 April 2021 Additions	278,000 73,200
At 31 March 2022	351,200
Company	Deferred tax (note 20) £
At 1 April 2021 Additions	4,200 800
At 31 March 2022	5,000

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20. Deferred tax

The deferred tax included in the statement of financial position is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Included in provisions (note 19)	351,200	278,000	5,000	4,200
The deferred tax account consists of the	ne tax effect of tim Grou	-	in respect of: Compar	ту
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£

Accelerated capital allowances 356,600 278,000 6,200 4,200 Deferred tax - other timing differences (5,400) - (1,200) - 351,200 278,000 5,000 4,200

21. Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in profit or loss as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £203,595 (2021: £194,054).

22. Government grants

The amounts recognised in the financial statements for government grants are as follows:

3	Group		Company	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Recognised in other operating income: Government grants recognised directly				
in income	1,569,035	1,488,297	_	24,100

23. Financial instruments

The group holds financial instruments to finance its operations and manages risk arising from these operations and its sources of finance in accordance with its accounting policies. In addition, various financial instruments such as trade debtors and trade creditors arise directly from the group's operations. Operational and working capital requirements are funded principally out of bank loans, issued share capital and retained profits.

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24. Called up share capital

Issued, called up and fully paid

	2022		2021	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100

25. Reserves

Merger relief reserve - This reserve arose on a past business combination that was accounted for as a merger in accordance with UK GAAP as applied at that time.

Profit and loss account - This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses.

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

·	At 1 Apr 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	8,999,745	1,818,661	10,818,406
Debt due within one year	(1,000,669)	669	(1,000,000)
Debt due after one year	(15,750,000)	1,250,000	(14,500,000)
	(7,750,924)	3,069,330	(4,681,594)

27. Controlling party

No individual has a controlling interest in the company or the group.