

Avery Healthcare Group Limited

Annual report and financial statements

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Strategic Report

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Principal activities

The principal activity of Avery Healthcare Group Limited during the year was that of a holding company.

The Group is engaged in the development and operation of care homes and retirement living facilities together with the provision of specialist services for the elderly.

Business review and results

Management operate and monitor the business on a pre-exceptional operating profitability and EBITDA basis, upon which the results for the year can be summarised as follows:

	2019/20 Pre- exceptionals £000	2020/21		
		Pre- exceptionals £000	Exceptional costs £000	Total £000
Operating profitability:				
Group turnover	150,272	140,548	-	140,548
Cost of sales	(69,090)	(64,815)	-	(64,815)
Gross profit	81,182	75,733	-	75,733
Administrative expenses	(75,003)	(73,707)	(2,628)	(76,335)
Exceptional accounting adjustment for future rent increases (non cash)	-	-	(4,091)	(4,091)
(Loss)/profit on sale of fixed assets	10,480	(54)	-	(54)
Operating profit/(loss)	16,659	1,972	(6,719)	(4,747)
	2019/20 Pre- exceptionals £000	2020/21		
		Pre- exceptionals £000	Exceptional costs £000	Total £000
EBITDA profitability:				
Operating profit/(loss)	16,659	1,972	(6,719)	(4,747)
Addback depreciation (note 3)	4,803	5,728	-	5,728
Addback amortisation (note 3)	1,143	1,147	-	1,147
EBITDA	22,605	8,847	(6,719)	2,128

The Directors are pleased with the performance for the year, which is in line with expectations considering the impact on the care home industry and group occupancy levels as a result of Covid-19, and reflects the maturing nature of the Group's care homes both from (i) previously acquired care homes; and (ii) facilities which have been or are in the process of being refurbished and repositioned. Turnover for the year was £140.5m (2020: £150.3m) with a gross margin of 53.9% (2020: 54.0%). The Group recorded an operating profit of £2.0m before exceptional costs (2020: £16.7m). Exceptional costs of £6.7m (2020: £5.7m) primarily relate to one-off acquisition related costs, exceptional professional fees and the accounting treatment for guaranteed rental increases in future years of £4.1m (2020: £4.7m) (note 6). This latter accounting adjustment has no cash impact. The former are considered exceptional on the basis that they do not arise from the day to day operation of our care homes but are related primarily to significant planned or aborted transactions or developments during the year and as such may distort the commercial trading reality of the group as whole. During the year these were made up of disposals of capitalised costs for aborted developments, pre-opening costs which are incurred prior to homes becoming operational, one-off commercial transactions and their associated legal and advisory fees.

Strategic Report *(continued)*

Business review and results *(continued)*

UK Accounting Standards require a treatment of long term lease financing which the Directors consider presents the performance of the Company in a way which understates the underlying level of performance by overstating lease costs in the year. It is this non-cash additional rent cost which is shown in exceptional costs. Interest payable in the year was £4.1m (2020: £3.7m).

During the year, the Group completed the development of a new care home in Edenbridge, Kent, which opened in spring 2021. This took the total number of operational facilities to 49 at the year end (2020: 48).

The Group remains in the process of refurbishing and repositioning a number of care homes and continues to focus on growing the business organically, through selective acquisitions and through new builds.

It is worth outlining our relationship with Welltower Inc who are one of the most respected and longest established Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) in the USA. Welltower always seeks to partner with best in class operators and this led to them selecting Avery Healthcare to work with as their principal partner in the UK.

Welltower's aggregate shareholding in the Group is 9.9%. Amongst other benefits, it ensures that the Group has access to funding for its forward development programme without being subject to the vagaries of the UK bank lending market.

The Directors of the Company are of the opinion that it has adequate facilities in place to meet its external liabilities as they fall due and to fund the planned ongoing investment and expansion in delivering high quality care accommodation for the foreseeable future.

Group's objectives

- To establish a group of care homes and retirement living facilities, all of which will be of the highest quality from both an environmental and care delivery perspective, where the resident is at the centre of all our activities;
- To recruit and provide training to staff of a similarly high calibre;
- Continue to evolve and use our quality assurance system to assist in delivering our aim of providing high quality care to the elderly;
- Continuous expenditure on the environment and fabric of the buildings. Continued recognition of the importance of this to the residents of our facilities;
- To achieve above industry average outcomes from reviews and inspections undertaken by sector regulators; and
- To achieve a financial performance in line with budget and in excess of sector norms.

How we will achieve this

- Providing better care which offers good value for the high quality services provided compared with our competitors;
- Building care homes and retirement living facilities in the correct locations, to standards well in excess of the required minimum;
- Providing a career path for all our staff;
- Providing the training and support to teach staff the art of caring and the responsibilities it entails;
- Complying with all regulatory requirements; and
- Providing a quality of care which achieves or exceeds the highest regulatory standards.

Strategic Report *(continued)*

Business review and results *(continued)*

How we will assess our performance

- Close supervision and support of our care home and retirement living facility managers by high calibre and experienced regional staff;
- Achievable operational budgets; and
- Weekly reporting to care home and retirement living facility managers on key performance indicators.

Assessment of uncertainties and risks

- Continued assessment of the long term care sector and the potential changes on the horizon;
- Monitor government policy and the impact on the care sector of proposed changes in either social economic terms or direct government focus. Respond to potential changes in the general political climate of the privately provided care sector;
- Monitor the housing market and pensions, enabling an assessment of service user's ability to pay for care services; and
- Managing the financial risk resulting from fluctuations in interest rates through appropriate hedging arrangements.

Key performance indicators

The Group monitors the performance of the business using the following measures:

- Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and exceptional costs – EBITDA (pre-exceptionals)
- 2021 profit £8.8m (2020: £22.6m profit)
- Cash flow from operating activities
- 2021 cash inflow £20.0m (2020: £9.2m inflow)

Other indicators are occupancy levels, average weekly fee rates and the proportion of turnover contributed by self-funding clients who are attracted to homes of a high standard – the Group is one of the few which has predominately 100% single rooms with ensuite facilities. This accounts for above average fee levels.

The Group has achieved over 90% average occupancy (2020: over 90%) in its mature care homes and retirement living facilities and expects the more recently opened homes to achieve a similar level of average occupancy once they reach maturity. During the year 70% of Group turnover was contributed by self-funding clients (2020: 74%). The Group also attracts a high calibre of staff due to its training and support programmes. The Group is considered to be an employer of choice in the sector.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal strategic and operational risks are included in the Assessment of uncertainties and risks section above, and the impact of COVID-19 section in the Directors' report. The Group seeks to reduce financial risk to a commercially acceptable level through the application of stringent financial management controls and reporting. Notes 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20 include further details of financial instruments. The Company and Group's financial instruments comprised cash, debtors, creditors, bank loans and share capital.

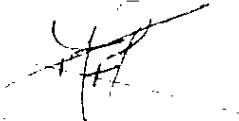
Strategic Report *(continued)*

Future developments and post balance sheet events

The group continues to focus on the expansion of the business through the development of new care homes and retirement living facilities, and has a number of potential sites under active review.

On 9 March 2022, Veilchenblau Estates Limited acquired 83% of the issued share capital of Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited.

Signed on behalf of the Board



MF Proctor
Director

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Paid or proposed dividends

No dividend payments were made during the year (2020: £7.77m). The directors do not propose a final dividend.

Directors

The Directors who held office during the year and in the period to the date of this report were as follows:

I Matthews (Resigned 9 March 2022)
MF Proctor
JMB Strowbridge
JR Skiver (Resigned 12 October 2021)
CLC Colt (Appointed 9 March 2022)
JD Myers (Appointed 12 October 2021)

Employees

Disabled employees

The Group gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a disabled person. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Group's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion to disabled employees wherever appropriate.

Involvement of employees

The Group has a well-established policy of providing employees with information about the Group through internal media methods in which employees have also been encouraged to present their suggestions and views on the Group's performance. Regular meetings are held between local management and employees to allow a free flow of information and ideas.

Political contributions

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries made any political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the current or preceding financial year.

Impact of COVID-19

As at the date of the signing of these financial statements, the UK and world are recovering from the significant adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the successful nationwide rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, the group has experienced a stabilisation in occupancy levels as well as increased enquiries and net admissions. The directors, management team and staff have been, and remain, committed to providing safe working environments in our care homes, retirement facilities and support offices for all our residents and staff, and we have worked tirelessly to reassure and care for our residents. We are confident that our strong team are up to the challenges posed by this pandemic and the subsequent recovery.

The levels of vaccination of residents within the Group is almost 100%, which is a significant step forward for the sector to return to more normal operating levels. There is no doubt that adverse publicity directed at the care home sector during the pandemic has had a negative impact, however with more positive reporting, the widespread vaccination programme and the resultant re-opening of care homes to visiting by relatives, provides a positive outlook for both the Group and the care sector.

Directors' Report *(continued)*

Section 172 Statement

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires a director of a company to act in the way he or she considers, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have regard (amongst other matters) to: –

- The likely consequence of any decision in the long term;
- The interests of the company's employees;
- The need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment;
- The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- The need to act fairly as between members of the company.

In discharging these duties, the Director's undertake and encourage regular engagement with stakeholders including our residents, colleagues, property owners and investors.

With regard to our residents and staff, an example of some of the initiatives the directors have put in place are as follows:

- Encourage Home Managers and Regional Managers to have open dialogue with staff, residents and residents' families;
- Provision of resident feedback cards in our homes, reviewed and followed up by Regional Managers on home review visits;
- Provision of a confidential concerns hotline for staff, residents and their families;
- Annual staff and resident surveys; and
- Annual performance reviews for all staff.

For our property owners and investors, the directors circulate financial data on a monthly basis and hold regular meetings to discuss the performance of the business.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for the period to 31 March 2023. In preparing these forecasts they have considered the potential ongoing impacts of Covid-19. Specifically, they have considered a severe but plausible downside scenario in which the forecast occupancy levels have been reduced by 5% until 31 March 2023. The downside forecasts do not include any potential cost saving measures which might in practice be considered and costs continue at the same level as in the period ended 31 March 2021 after taking into account inflationary impacts from 2022. These forecasts show that the company will have sufficient cash to continue to operate, whilst servicing its debt interest and settling all liabilities that become due for the next 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

The Group forecasts assumes continued access to the current bank debt and other loans. These loans were refinanced in March 2022 to extend all expiry dates to at least March 2024.

The directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and will have sufficient liquidity to meet its commitments as and when the liabilities fall due for the next 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

Directors' Report *(continued)*

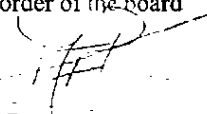
Disclosure of information to auditor

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board


MF Proctor
Director

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26 MAY 2022

Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the 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 they have elected to prepare the group and parent company financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

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 parent company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the group and parent company financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the group and parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parent company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AVERY HEALTHCARE GROUP LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Avery Healthcare Group Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Consolidated Profit and Loss account and Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated and Company Balance Sheets, Consolidated and Company Statements of Equity and Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

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 2021 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Group in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Group or the Company or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Group and the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Group's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Group and Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group or the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Group or the Company will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors, and inspection of policy documentation as to the Group's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud and the Group's channel for "whistleblowing", as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board minutes.
- Considering remuneration incentive schemes and performance targets for management.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account possible pressures to meet profit targets, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls and the risk of fraudulent revenue recognition, in particular the risk that revenue stream is recorded in the wrong period and the risk that Group management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries, and the risk of bias in accounting estimates and judgements such as provisions.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In determining the audit procedures we took into account the results of our evaluation and testing of the operating effectiveness of the Group-wide fraud risk management controls

We also performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included journals with unusual account pairings with revenue and cash throughout the year.
- Identifying a sample of revenue transactions recorded pre year end, comparing the date of revenue recognition to supporting documentation to support the pre year end revenue recognition.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Group's regulatory and legal correspondence and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Group is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies' legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Group is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: compliance with healthcare regulator requirements, health and safety, and employment law, recognising the nature of the Group's activities.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required 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. We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 8, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Group and 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 they 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

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Clare Partridge (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
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01 June 2022

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account and Other Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 March 2021


	<i>Note</i>	2021 £000	2020 £000
Turnover	2	140,548	150,272
Cost of sales		(64,815)	(69,090)
Gross profit		75,733	81,182
Administrative expenses - exceptional	6	(6,719)	(5,706)
- other		(73,707)	(75,003)
(Loss)/profit on sale of fixed assets		(54)	10,480
Operating (loss)/profit		(4,747)	10,953
Other interest receivable and similar income	7	-	-
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(4,095)	(3,706)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2-8	(8,842)	7,247
Tax expense on loss on ordinary activities	9	(60)	(692)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(8,902)	6,555
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(8,902)	6,555

Consolidated Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £000	2020 £000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	10	14,553	15,700
Tangible assets	11	62,879	60,728
		<u>77,432</u>	<u>76,428</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	13	780	180
Debtors	14	33,137	26,467
Cash at bank and in hand		15,749	7,940
		<u>49,666</u>	<u>34,587</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(92,215)</u>	<u>(74,392)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(42,549)</u>	<u>(39,805)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>34,883</u>	<u>36,623</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	<u>(103,939)</u>	<u>(96,777)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(69,056)</u>	<u>(60,154)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	19	1	1
Capital redemption reserve		100	100
Profit and loss account		(69,157)	(60,255)
Total shareholders' deficit		<u>(69,056)</u>	<u>(60,154)</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 26 MAY 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


MF Proctor
Director

Company registration number: 08599361

Company Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £000	£000	2020 £000	£000
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		1,340		1,340
Tangible assets			-		13
			<u>1,340</u>		<u>1,353</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	208,154		165,869	
Cash at bank and in hand		3		332	
		<u>208,157</u>		<u>166,201</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(194,987)		(151,048)	
			<u>13,170</u>		<u>15,153</u>
Net current assets					
			<u>14,510</u>		<u>16,506</u>
Total assets less current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(16,451)		(17,213)
			<u>(1,941)</u>		<u>(707)</u>
Net liabilities					
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	19		1		1
Capital redemption reserve			100		100
Profit and loss account			(2,042)		(808)
			<u>(1,941)</u>		<u>(707)</u>
Shareholders' deficit					

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on *26 MAY* 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



MF Proctor
Director

Company registration number: 08599361

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Called up share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
Balance at 1 April 2019	1	100	(59,040)	(58,939)
Total comprehensive income for the year				
Profit or loss	-	-	6,555	6,555
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	6,555	6,555
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				
Dividends paid	-	-	(7,770)	(7,770)
	-	-	(7,770)	(7,770)
Balance at 31 March 2020	1	100	(60,255)	(60,154)
Balance at 1 April 2020	1	100	(60,255)	(60,154)
Total comprehensive income for the year				
Profit or loss	-	-	(8,902)	(8,902)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(8,902)	(8,902)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	1	100	(69,157)	(69,056)

Company Statement of Changes in Equity

	Called up share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
Balance at 1 April 2019	1	100	(398)	(297)
Total comprehensive income for the year				
Profit or loss	-	-	7,360	7,360
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	7,360	7,360
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				
Dividends on shares classified in shareholders' funds	-	-	(7,770)	(7,770)
Balance at 31 March 2020	1	100	(808)	(707)
Balance at 1 April 2020	1	100	(808)	(707)
Total comprehensive income for the year				
Profit or loss	-	-	(1,234)	(1,234)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(1,234)	(1,234)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				
Dividends on shares classified in shareholders' funds	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	1	100	(2,042)	(1,941)

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement
for year ended 31 March 2021

	<i>Note</i>	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Loss)/profit for the year		(8,902)	6,555
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		6,875	5,946
Non cash rent expenses		4,091	4,742
Loss/(profit) on sale of fixed assets		54	(10,480)
Interest receivable and similar income		-	-
Interest payable and similar charges		4,095	3,706
Taxation		60	692
		6,273	11,161
Increase in trade and other receivables		(6,669)	(6,765)
Increase in inventories		(600)	(1)
Increase in trade and other payables		20,995	4,851
Net cash from operating activities		19,999	9,246
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	33,694
Interest received		-	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(9,291)	(11,542)
Net cash from investing activities		(9,291)	22,152
Cash flows from financing activities			
Share cancellation		-	-
Proceeds from new loans	17	3,447	5,117
Interest paid		(4,096)	(3,706)
Repayment of loans	17	(2,250)	(23,147)
Dividends paid		-	(7,770)
Net cash from financing activities		(2,899)	(29,506)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		7,809	1,892
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2020		7,940	6,048
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021		15,749	7,940

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Avery Healthcare Group Limited (the “Company”) is a company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

These Group and parent company financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (“FRS 102”). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

In these financial statements, the Company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 *Basic Financial Instruments*

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the Directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 24.

1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for the period to 31 March 2023. In preparing these forecasts they have considered the potential ongoing impacts of Covid-19. Specifically, they have considered a severe but plausible downside scenario in which the forecast occupancy levels have been reduced by 5% until 31 March 2023. The downside forecasts do not include any potential cost saving measures which might in practice be considered and costs continue at the same level as in the period ended 31 March 2021 after taking into account inflationary impacts from 2022. These forecasts show that the company will have sufficient cash to continue to operate, whilst servicing its debt interest and settling all liabilities that become due for the next 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

The Group forecasts assumes continued access to the current bank debt and other loans. These loans were refinanced in March 2022 to extend all expiry dates to at least March 2024.

The directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and will have sufficient liquidity to meet its commitments as and when the liabilities fall due for the next 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 March 2021. A subsidiary is an entity that is controlled by the parent. The results of subsidiary undertakings are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Control is established when the Company has the power to govern the operating and financial policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. In assessing control, the Group takes into consideration potential voting rights that are currently exercisable.

In the parent financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less impairment.

Under s408 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account.

1.4 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Group companies' functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date.

1.5 Classification of financial instruments issued by the group

In accordance with FRS 102.22, financial instruments issued by the Group are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- (a) they include no contractual obligations upon the group to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the group; and
- (b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the entity's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the entity exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the entity's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

Where a financial instrument that contains both equity and financial liability components exists these components are separated and accounted for individually under the above policy. Transaction costs are allocated between the debt component and the equity component on the basis of their relative fair values.

1.6 Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Basic financial instruments (continued)

Investments in preference and ordinary shares

Investments in equity instruments are measured initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Transaction costs are excluded if the investments are subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss. Subsequent to initial recognition investments that can be measured reliably are measured at fair value with changes recognition in profit or loss. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment in profit or loss.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose only of the cash flow statement.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Where parts of an item of tangible fixed assets have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of tangible fixed assets, for example land is treated separately from buildings.

Leases in which the entity assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset are classified as finance leases. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Leased assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated on initial recognition at an amount equal to the lower of their fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments at inception of the lease, including any incremental costs directly attributable to negotiating and arranging the lease. At initial recognition a finance lease liability is recognised equal to the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The present value of the minimum lease payments is calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease. Lease payments are accounted for as described at 1.13 below.

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether tangible fixed assets (including those leased under a finance lease) are impaired.

Depreciation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of tangible fixed assets. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Land is not depreciated. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

- Freehold property - 50 years
- Leasehold improvements - 5 to 10 years
- Fixtures and fittings - 6 to 7 years
- IT equipment - 5 years
- Motor vehicles - 4 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed if there is an indication of a significant change since the last annual reporting date in the pattern by which the Company expects to consume an asset's future economic benefits.

1.8 Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method as at the acquisition date, which is the date on which control is transferred to the entity.

At the acquisition date, the Group recognises goodwill at the acquisition date as:

- the fair value of the consideration (excluding contingent consideration) transferred; plus
- estimated amount of contingent consideration (see below); plus
- the fair value of the equity instruments issued; plus
- directly attributable transaction costs; less
- the net recognised amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Business combinations (continued)

Consideration which is contingent on future events is recognised based on the estimated amount if the contingent consideration is probable and can be measured reliably. Any subsequent changes to the amount are treated as an adjustment to the cost of the acquisition.

1.9 Intangible assets, goodwill

Goodwill

Goodwill is stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units or group of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the business combination from which it arose.

Goodwill is amortised on a straight line basis over its useful life. The finite useful life of goodwill is estimated to be the life of the lease to which the assets relate.

1.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Work in progress comprises amounts incurred to date on the development of care homes which are contracted for sale in the future.

1.11 Impairment excluding stocks and deferred tax assets

Financial assets (including trade and other debtors)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the entity's non-financial assets, other than stocks and deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit"). The goodwill acquired in a business combination, for the purpose of impairment testing is allocated to cash-generating units, or ("CGUs") that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. For the purpose of goodwill impairment testing, if goodwill cannot be allocated to individual CGUs or groups of CGUs on a non-arbitrary basis, the impairment of goodwill is determined using the recoverable amount of the acquired entity in its entirety, or if it has been integrated then the entire group of entities into which it has been integrated.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a *pro rata* basis.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Impairment excluding stocks and deferred tax assets (continued)

An impairment loss is reversed if and only if the reasons for the impairment have ceased to apply.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

1.12 Turnover

Turnover

Turnover represents fee income relating to the provision of care services, net of value added tax, if applicable and the sale of properties acquired or developed by the Group where a forward sales agreement is in place. Fee income comprises care home resident fees and retirement living resident fees which are recognised when the delivery of the service is completed. Fees invoiced in advance are included as deferred income until the service is completed.

Sales of care homes that the Group has developed, under a contract with a customer, are recognised on legal completion.

1.13 Expenses

Operating lease

Payments (excluding costs for services and insurance) made under operating leases are recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless the payments to the lessor are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation; in which case the payments related to the structured increases are recognised as incurred. Lease incentives received are recognised in profit and loss over the term of the lease as an integral part of the total lease expense.

Finance lease

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability using the rate implicit in the lease. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Interest receivable and Interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable, finance charges on shares classified as liabilities and finance leases recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss account (see foreign currency accounting policy). Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that takes a substantial time to be prepared for use, are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset/are expensed as incurred.

Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in profit or loss as they accrue, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in the profit and loss account on the date the entity's right to receive payments is established. Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

Exceptional items

Material items of income and expenditure which arise from one off events (such as a restructuring), or relate to non-cash items (such as the accrual for future rental increases), are classified as exceptional items on the basis that the Directors believe this presents a clearer picture of the underlying performance of the Group.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is provided in respect of the additional tax that will be paid or avoided on differences between the amount at which an asset (other than goodwill) or liability is recognised in a business combination and the corresponding amount that can be deducted or assessed for tax. Goodwill is adjusted by the amount of such deferred tax.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

1.15 Dividends on shares presented within shareholders' funds

Dividends are only recognised as a liability to the extent that they are declared prior to the year end. Unpaid dividends that do not meet the criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Turnover

Turnover is derived entirely in the UK from the principal activities of the Group whose activities comprise the operation and construction of care homes and retirement living facilities. During the year government grants of £1.9m (2020: £0m) relating to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme were recognised in other income within turnover.

3 Expenses and auditor's remuneration

Included in profit/loss are the following:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,728	4,803
Amortisation of goodwill	1,147	1,143
Hire of other assets – Property operating leases (including exceptional)	43,627	43,349
Hire of other assets – Motor vehicle operating leases	391	493
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Auditor's remuneration:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Audit of these financial statements	8	8
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No non-audit services have been recharged to this sub-group. The total non-audit services payable are disclosed in the Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited financial statements which are available on Companies House.

Notes (continued)

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Group (excluding directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employees	
	2021	2020
Management and administration staff	380	363
Nursing, care and domestic staff	2,453	2,724
	<u>2,833</u>	<u>3,087</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Wages and salaries	62,719	64,777
Social security costs	4,643	4,715
Contributions to defined contribution plans	1,014	1,034
	<u>68,376</u>	<u>70,526</u>

5 Directors' remuneration

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Directors' remuneration	<u>667</u>	<u>964</u>

The aggregate emoluments of the highest paid director was £324k (2020: £567k).

6 Exceptional administrative expenses

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Future property rental increases charged in year (note 21)	4,091	4,742
Exceptional professional fees and other transaction related costs	<u>2,628</u>	<u>964</u>
	<u>6,719</u>	<u>5,706</u>

Exceptional professional fees and other transaction related costs arise in respect of abortive transaction costs, pre-opening costs incurred by care homes, exceptional legal fees and acquisition costs. These are considered exceptional on the basis that they do not arise from the day to day operation of our care homes but are related primarily to significant planned or aborted transactions or developments during the year and as such may distort the commercial trading reality of the group as whole. During the year these were made up of disposals of capitalised costs for aborted developments, pre-opening costs which are incurred prior to homes becoming operational, one-off commercial transactions and their associated legal and advisory fees.

Notes (continued)

7 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Interest on bank deposits	-	-

8 Interest payable and similar charges

	2021 £000	2020 £000
On bank loans and other loans	4,095	3,706

9 Taxation

Total tax charge recognised in the profit and loss account

	2021 £000	£000	2020 £000	£000
<i>Current tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the year		24		356
Adjustments in respect of prior periods		36		336
Total current tax expense/(credit)		60		692
<i>Deferred tax (see note 18)</i>				
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-		-	
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-		-	
Total deferred tax		-		-
Total tax expense		60		692

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2021 £000	2020 £000
(Loss)/profit for the year	(8,902)	6,555
Total tax expense/(credit)	60	692
(Loss)/profit excluding taxation	(8,842)	7,247
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2020: 19%)	(1,680)	1,384
Non-deductible expenses	786	791
Non-taxable income	(6)	(740)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	36	336
Movement in unrecognised deferred tax	924	(1,079)
Total tax expense	60	692

Details of amounts recognised in deferred tax are include in note 18.

Notes (continued)

9 Taxation (continued)

Factors that may affect future current and total tax charges

The Group has tax losses of approximately £35.6m (2020: £26.9m) available to offset against future profits and/or chargeable gains.

In the March 2021 Budget the UK Government announced that legislation will be introduced in Finance Bill 2021 to increase the main rate of UK corporation tax from 19% to 25%, effective 1 April 2023. As the changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, the deferred tax balances as at 31 March 2021 continue to be measured at a rate of 19%.

10 Intangible assets and goodwill

<i>Group</i>	Goodwill £000
Cost	
Balance at 1 April 2020	22,059
Acquisitions	-
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Balance at 31 March 2021	22,059
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Amortisation and impairment	
Balance at 1 April 2020	6,359
Amortisation for the year	1,147
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Balance at 31 March 2021	7,506
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Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	14,553
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At 1 April 2020	15,700
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Amortisation

The amortisation charge for the year is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss account:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Administrative expenses	1,147	1,143
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Notes (continued)

11 Tangible fixed assets

<i>Group</i>	Assets in construction £000	Freehold buildings £000	Leasehold improvements £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	IT equipment £000	Motor vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost							
Balance at 1 April 2020	15,900	21,086	27,073	12,810	3,689	512	81,070
Additions	3,096	2,896	1,282	1,484	370	163	9,291
Disposals	(1,333)	(30)	89	17	(9)	(19)	(1,285)
Reclassification	(14,325)	16,035	(1,929)	805	(658)	72	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	3,338	39,987	26,515	15,116	3,392	728	89,076
Depreciation and impairment							
Balance at 1 April 2020	-	1,784	10,592	5,196	2,339	431	20,342
Charge for the year	-	494	2,769	1,998	373	94	5,728
Disposals	-	202	(50)	(3)	(7)	(15)	127
Reclassification	-	(91)	(833)	1,160	(273)	37	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	-	2,389	12,478	8,351	2,432	547	26,197
Net book value							
At 31 March 2021	3,338	37,598	14,037	6,765	960	181	62,879
At 1 April 2020	15,900	19,302	16,481	7,614	1,350	81	60,728

12 Fixed asset investments

<i>Company</i>	Shares in group undertakings £000
Cost and net book value	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	1,340

Notes (continued)

12 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The undertakings in which the Group's and Company's interest at the year-end is more than 20% are listed in the table below. All companies listed are registered in the United Kingdom. The subsidiary undertakings listed are exempt from the Companies Act 2006 requirements relating to the audit of their individual accounts by virtue of Section 479A of the Act as Avery Healthcare Group Limited has guaranteed the subsidiary company under Section 479C of the Act with the exception of the following companies:

Avery Care (Cannock) Limited	Avery Homes Nominee 1 Limited
Avery Homes (Cannock) Limited	Avery Homes Nominee 2 Limited
Avery Homes RH Limited	Avery Healthcare Developments Limited
Litchfield Care Limited	Avery Homes Lichfield Limited
Avery Holdco Cannock Limited	Avery Cannock Opco Limited
Avery Healthcare Limited	Willow Domiciliary Care Limited
Avery Healthcare Management Limited	

All the companies listed below are registered at 3 Cygnet Drive, Swan Valley, Northampton, NN4 9BS.

Subsidiary undertakings	Principal activity	Company Percentage and class of shares held	Group Percentage and class of shares held
Willowbrook Healthcare Group Limited	Holding company	100% Ordinary	100% Ordinary
Willowbrook Healthcare Limited	Management services		*100% Ordinary
Willowbrook Healthcare Debtco Limited	Financing company		*100% Ordinary
Willowbrook Healthcare Developments Limited	Care home development		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Rugeley Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Cliftonville Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Nuthall Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Moston Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Kirkstall Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Newcastle UL Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Nuneaton Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Wolverhampton Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Highcliffe Care Centre Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes WSM Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Hanford Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Hatfield Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Weybridge Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Hinckley Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes SH Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Management Services Limited	Management services		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Derby Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes TH Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Hawthorns Retirement Living Limited	Retirement home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes (Nelson) Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Grove Park Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes (Cannock) Limited	Property company and care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes RH Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Litchfield Care Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Kingstanding Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Healthcare Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Healthcare Management Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Nominee 1 Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Nominee 2 Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Healthcare Developments Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Clevedon Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary

Notes (continued)

12 Fixed asset investments (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings	Principal activity	Company Percentage and class of shares held	Group Percentage and class of shares held
Avery Homes Stratford Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Lichfield Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Willow Domiciliary Care Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Adept Build Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Cannock Opco Limited	Dormant		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Stafford Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Wellingborough Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Holdco Cannock Limited	Holding company		*100% Ordinary
Avery Care (Cannock) Limited	Financing company		*100% Ordinary
Hawthorns Northampton Limited	Retirement home operation		*100% Ordinary
Avery Homes Edenbridge Limited	Care home operation		*100% Ordinary
AH Littleover Holdco Limited	Holding company		*100% Ordinary
AH Littleover Limited	Care home development		*100% Ordinary

*held indirectly

13 Stocks

	Group 2021 £000	2020 £000	Company 2021 £000	2020 £000
Raw materials and consumables	251	180	-	-
Work in progress	529	-	-	-
	<u>780</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Capitalised care home development costs are classified as work in progress where the Group has a formal agreement for the sale of the home to a third party. Where there is no such agreement, development costs capitalised are classified as tangible fixed assets, assets in construction.

14 Debtors

	Group 2021 £000	2020 £000	Company 2021 £000	2020 £000
Trade debtors	5,920	7,672	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	207,593	165,606
Amounts owed by related undertakings (see note 23)	5,481	3,520	-	-
Amounts owed by parent undertakings (see note 23)	8,226	9,241	-	-
Group relief	-	-	475	195
Other debtors and prepayments	13,510	6,034	86	68
	<u>33,137</u>	<u>26,467</u>	<u>208,154</u>	<u>165,869</u>

There are no debtors receivable after more than one year (2020: £nil) included in the debtors analysis set out above.

Amounts owed by group undertakings have no fixed repayment date.

Notes (continued)

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2021 £000	2020 £000	Company 2021 £000	2020 £000
Bank loans (note 17)	20,750	21,410	-	-
Other loans (note 17)	18,149	16,500	-	-
Trade creditors	7,903	7,284	3,926	3,599
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	191,061	147,397
Amounts owed to related undertakings (note 23)	2,951	3,199	-	-
Corporation tax group relief	443	676	-	-
Taxation and social security	11,068	1,930	-	-
Other creditors and deferred income	30,951	23,393	-	52
	<u>92,215</u>	<u>74,392</u>	<u>194,987</u>	<u>151,048</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings have no fixed repayment date.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2021 £000	2020 £000	Company 2021 £000	2020 £000
Other loans (note 17)	36,177	35,572	16,451	17,213
Bank loans (note 17)	-	-	-	-
Accruals – future property rental increases	67,762	61,205	-	-
	<u>103,939</u>	<u>96,777</u>	<u>16,451</u>	<u>17,213</u>

Accruals for future property rental increases have arisen from spreading guaranteed future rent increases over the lease term.

Bank loans and overdrafts shown are net of issue costs £nil (2020: £90k). Amortisation of £187k was debited to interest payable in the profit and loss account in the year (2020: £142k).

Notes (continued)

17 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Group's interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are measured at amortised cost.

	Group 2021 £000	2020 £000
Creditors falling due after more than one year		
Other loans	36,127	35,453
Finance leases	50	119
	<hr/> 36,177 <hr/>	<hr/> 35,572 <hr/>
Creditors falling due within one year		
Other loans	18,115	16,500
Bank loans	20,750	21,410
Finance leases	34	-
	<hr/> 38,899 <hr/>	<hr/> 37,910 <hr/>

As at 31 March 2021, the bank loan is a term loan facility of £22.5m with Clydesdale Bank, secured on two of the Group's freehold care homes properties and their operations. Interest is payable at LIBOR + 2.5% and the loan originally matured on 31 March 2021, which was extended for a year to March 2022. Annual repayments commenced in 2019 and the balance repayable at maturity. The amount drawn down under this agreement at the year end was £20.8m, with £0.75m repaid during the year.

Other loans of £54.2m comprise working capital facilities, development facilities, mortgage loans and capex loan facilities provided by Welltower Inc and secured on certain assets of the Group on a cross collateral basis:

- the Development loans have maximum combined limits of £30m, of which £30m was drawn at the year end. The loans are subject to interest of 8% pa and are repayable at the end of 4 years after the development which they are funding commenced trading in 2021 and 2022.
- the working capital loan 2 is a facility of £12.2m with interest rolling up until July 2019 at a rate of 6% pa, thereafter interest is payable monthly at a rate of 8% pa. At year end the amount drawn, including rolled up interest, was £8.2m. The loan is repayable in substantially equal amounts that is sufficient to repay the loan over a 10 year period from first repayment date.
- the working capital 3 loan is a £1.5m facility, of which £1.5m was drawn down at the year end. This loan is repayable in full in December 2021. The interest payable is 6% per annum.
- the capex loan is a facility of £18.6m with a financial maturity date of 31 March 2033. The loan amortisation commenced on 1 April 2019 with the repayments set at a level to ensure the loan is fully repaid by its final maturity date. At year end the outstanding loan balance was £14.5m. The interest payable is 8.66% per annum, which increases by a factor of 1.03 each year.

On 9 March 2022, as a part of the Veilchenblau Estates Limited investment in the share capital of Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited, the Clydesdale bank debt and non-property related loans provided by Welltower were refinanced by Hightower Finance Limited. For the ex-Welltower non-property debt, the debt quantum and terms of these loans remain unaltered, with the exception that the repayment of these loans is now scheduled as a bullet repayment in March 2024. For the ex-Clydesdale loan, the quantum of the debt remained unaltered at £20.0m, with interest calculated based on the bank of England base rate with a margin of 5.5%, subject to a cap of 10% and a floor of 8% annually, and the debt repayable as a bullet payment in March 2025.

Notes (continued)

17 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings (continued)

Terms and debt repayment schedule

Group	Currency	Nominal interest rate	Year of Maturity	2021 £000	2020 £000
Bank loans (Clydesdale Bank)	£	LIBOR +2.5%	2022	20,750	21,410
Other loans (Welltower):					
Working capital loan 2	£	8%	2028	8,236	8,974
Working capital loan 3	£	6%	2021	1,500	1,500
Capex loan	£	8.41%	2033	14,526	14,799
Development loan – Northampton	£	8%	2021	15,000	15,000
Development loan – Edenbridge	£	8%	2024	14,979	11,680
Osis finance leases	£	15%	2024	85	119
				75,076	73,482

Maturity of Group debt at 31 March 2021:

	Bank loans £000	Other loans £000	Total £000
Debt can be analysed as follows:			
Within one year	20,750	18,149	38,899
In second to fifth years	-	22,892	22,892
After five years	-	13,285	13,285
	20,750	54,326	75,076

Maturity of Group debt at 31 March 2020:

	Bank loans £000	Other loans £000	Total £000
Debt can be analysed as follows:			
Within one year	21,410	16,500	37,910
In second to fifth years	-	11,799	11,799
After five years	-	23,773	23,773
	21,410	52,072	73,482

18 Deferred taxation

	Deferred taxation £000
Group	
At 1 April 2020	-
Debit to the profit and loss for the year (note 9)	-
At 31 March 2021	-

Notes (continued)

18 Deferred taxation (continued)

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

Group	Provided 2021 £000	Provided 2020 £000
Fixed asset timing differences	-	-
Tax losses recognised	-	-
Deferred tax (liability)/asset	-	-

The Group has net unrecognised deferred tax assets of £4.5m (2020: £5.0m) arising on UK corporation tax losses and fixed asset timing differences. These assets have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the timing of their future recovery.

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2021 £000	2020 £000	2021 £000	2020 £000	2021 £000	2020 £000
Tax losses	5,351	5,106	-	-	5,351	5,106
Fixed asset timing differences	466	876	-	-	466	876
Trading timing differences	52	246	-	-	52	246
Non-trading timing differences	-	-	(1,392)	(1,236)	(1,392)	(1,236)
Net tax assets/(liabilities)	5,869	6,228	(1,392)	(1,236)	4,477	4,992

The Company had no provided tax losses.

19 Capital and reserves

Share capital

	Group and Company Ordinary shares of £0.01 each 2021 Number	Group and Company Ordinary shares of £0.01 each 2020 Number
On issue at 1 April	100,000	100,000
Cancelled in year	-	-
On issue at 31 March – fully paid	100,000	100,000

Notes (continued)

19 Capital and reserves (continued)

	Group and Company 2021 £	Group and Company 2020 £
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
90,100 (2020: 90,100) A Class Ordinary shares of £0.01 each	901	901
9,900 (2020: 9,900) B Class Ordinary shares of £0.01 each	99	99
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Shares classified in shareholders' funds	1,000	1,000
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The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

20 Financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the financial assets and liabilities include:

	2021 £000	Group 2020 £000
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
Trade debtors	5,920	7,672
Amounts owed by related undertakings	5,481	3,520
Amounts owed by parent undertakings	8,226	9,241
Other debtors	13,510	6,034
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	33,137	26,467
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Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Trade creditors	7,903	7,284
Amounts owed to related undertakings	2,951	3,199
Other taxation and social security	11,068	1,930
Other creditors	30,951	23,393
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	52,873	35,806
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Loan commitments measured at cost		
Bank loans and overdrafts	20,750	21,410
Other loans	54,326	52,072
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	75,076	73,482
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Notes (continued)

21 Operating leases

Non-cancellable property operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Less than one year	40,355	39,151	-	-
Between one and five years	174,219	169,021	-	-
More than five years	377,467	423,020	-	-
	<u>592,041</u>	<u>631,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year, property operating lease expenses have been recognised as follows:

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Administration expenses – exceptional	4,091	4,742
Administration expenses – other	39,536	38,607
	<u>43,627</u>	<u>43,349</u>

22 Contingent liabilities

The Company, together with a number of its subsidiary undertakings, has entered into a cross collateralised security arrangement to secure the Group's operating property leases and loans with Welltower Inc. of Toledo USA.

The subsidiary undertakings listed in the table in note 12 are exempt from the Companies Act 2006 requirements relating to the audit of their individual accounts by virtue of Section 479c of the Act, with the exception of the following:

Avery Care (Cannock) Limited	Avery Homes Nominee 1 Limited
Avery Homes (Cannock) Limited	Avery Homes Nominee 2 Limited
Avery Homes RH Limited	Avery Healthcare Developments Limited
Litchfield Care Limited	Avery Homes Lichfield Limited
Avery Holdco Cannock Limited	Avery Cannock Opco Limited
Avery Healthcare Limited	Willow Domiciliary Care Limited
Avery Healthcare Management Limited	

Notes (continued)

23 Related parties

Group

Transactions with key management personnel

Total compensation of key management personnel (including directors) was £1,982k (2020: £1,491k), with £667k (2020: £964k) being paid as remuneration and £1,315k (2020: £527k) being billed by other related party entities controlled by key management personnel.

	Receivables outstanding		Creditors outstanding	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Key management personnel of the Company and its group	25	-	-	-

Osis Projects Limited is a company under the ownership and control of CJ Strowbridge, a former shareholder of Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited. The Group continued with finance lease arrangements with Osis Projects Limited for kitchen and laundry equipment in the year. As at 31 March 2021 there is £2k (2020: £2k) due to Osis Projects Limited. Finance interest of £25k was charged in the year (2020: £24k).

Soluxe Design Limited is a company under the ownership and control of LJ Strowbridge, a former shareholder of Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited. The Group purchased design services totalling £68k (2020: £9k) from Soluxe Design Limited in the year. As at 31 March 2021 there is £0k (2020: £9k) due to Soluxe Design Ltd.

Transactions with Welltower Inc

The Group has debt funding and a number of long term leases with Welltower Inc for the lease of care home and retirement living facilities. Further details can be seen in note 17 and 21 respectively. Other transactions with Welltower Inc in the year are as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Management fees charged	1,291	1,329
Interest payable to Welltower	(3,519)	(2,640)
Profit on sale and leaseback	-	6,811
	<u>(2,228)</u>	<u>5,500</u>

Transactions with other subsidiaries of Xanadu Investments Limited

During the year the group charged management fees of £1,354k (2020: £1,178k) to other subsidiaries of Xanadu Investments Limited that do not form part of this consolidation. These charges are credited to administrative expenses.

Notes (continued)

23 Related parties (continued)

Amounts owed by other subsidiaries of Xanadu Investments Limited are as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited	8,226	9,241
Avery Opco Lessee Limited	1,563	1,327
Avery (Glenmoor) Limited	285	293
Avery at Loxley Park (Operations) Limited	160	11
Avery of Leicester (Operations) Limited	254	49
Avery at Loxley Park (Homecare) Limited	18	-
Avery Homes Bracknell Limited	453	341
Avery Care Holdco Limited	84	88
Avery Care Devco Limited	531	4
Avery Care Clevedon Limited	42	95
Avery Care Northants Limited	79	32
Avery Homes Downend Limited	1,434	1,258
Avery Homes Droitwich Limited	406	22
Avery Care Kettering Limited	146	-
Xanadu Investments Limited	26	-
	<hr/> 13,707 <hr/>	<hr/> 12,761 <hr/>

Amounts owed to other subsidiaries of Xanadu Investments Limited are as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Avery at the Miramar (Operations) Limited	125	96
Avery (Lucas) Limited	2,826	2,974
Avery Homes Downend Limited	-	129
	<hr/> 2,951 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,199 <hr/>

24 Accounting estimates and judgements

In the preparation of the financial statements, it is necessary for the management of the Company to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that may affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The key areas requiring the use of estimates and judgements which may significantly affect the financial statements are considered to be:

Impairment of goodwill

The Group considers whether goodwill is impaired. Where an indication of impairment is identified the estimates of recoverable value of the cash generating units (CGU's) are assessed. This requires estimation of the future cash flows from the CGUs and also selection of appropriate discount rates in order to calculate the net present value of those cash flows.

Notes *(continued)*

25 Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

As at 31 March 2021, the largest individual shareholder was Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited, and the ultimate controlling entity was Xanadu Investments Limited. The largest group in which the results of the Company were consolidated was that headed by Xanadu Investments Limited. The smallest group in which the results of the Company was consolidated was that headed by Avery Healthcare Group Limited.

On 9 March 2022, Veilchenblau Estates Limited acquired 83% of the issued share capital of Avery Healthcare Holdings Limited.

Accordingly, with effect from 9 March 2022 the ultimate parent company is Aldersgate Investments Ltd, a company registered in the British Virgin Islands.

The company's ultimate UK parent is Veilchenblau Estates Ltd; whose accounts are available from Companies House.

The registered address for Veilchenblau Estates Ltd is Millbank Tower, 21-24 Millbank, London SW1P 4QP.

The registered address for Aldersgate Investments Ltd is 2nd Floor O'Neal Marketing Associates Building, PO Box 3174, Wickham's Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands