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Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2019



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Company Information

Directors

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Principal activity

The principal activity of Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited ("the Company") is that of an intermediary holding company within the Grove Limited group ("the Group").

Fair review of the business

The results for the period are set out in the profit and loss account on page 8. The Directors are satisfied with the Company's results.

The Company operates under the Barchester group brand. Barchester commands a leading position in the UK long term care sector. The business provides in excess of 12,000 registered beds, spread across its portfolio of over 200 high quality services (including nursing homes and domiciliary care) and 6 hospitals with a national footprint across the UK, the largest proportion located within London and the South East and the remainder evenly spread through the UK. Barchester has a significant number of private pay residents.

The key performance measures that the Board use to monitor Barchester's progress against its objectives are:

- Quality of care, the health and well-being of our residents;
- · Occupancy levels;
- Fee levels;
- EBITDA and EBITDA per bed;
- Margin; and
- · Staff agency and cost.

Barchester's strategy is one of continued growth through extension of existing facilities, acquisitions of nursing homes of a suitable quality, and development of newly built care homes. Barchester is especially focused on the private pay market.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Directors consider changes in the base rate of interest to be a risk to the Company. To mitigate this risk, the bank debt is always fully hedged using an interest rate swap which fixes the rate payable by the Company at 5.1524% per annum.

Approved by the Board on 15 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mark Hazlewood

Director

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Directors of the Company

The Directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Pete Calveley

Mark Hazlewood

Dividends

The Directors recommend no final dividend payment be made in respect of the period ended 31 December 2019.

Going concern

The Directors have reasonable expectation that the Group and Company have adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The Directors believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Further details are in note 2 to the financial statements.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each Director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information. The Directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the Board on 15 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mark Hazlewood

Director

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing 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 the Directors have elected to prepare the 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 the 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 Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these 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 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 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 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 responsible for 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, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its 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 company 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 Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that 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 its 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").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the Directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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 absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited (continued)

Directors' report

The Directors are responsible for the Directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read 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 Directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- · the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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 4, 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 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 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited (continued)

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.

Ian Brokenshire (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Date: 21 September 2020

Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Administrative expenses		(42)	
Operating loss		(42)	-
Net (loss)/gain on interest rate swap at fair value through profit and loss account		(1,295)	840
Interest receivable and similar income	3	6,190	6,352
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(7,899)	(7,584)
		(3,004)	(392)
Loss before tax		(3,046)	(392)
Taxation	7	<u> </u>	
Loss for the financial year		(3,046)	(392)

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Loss for the year	(3,046)	(392)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(3,046)	(392)

(Registration number: 10748576) Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	13,857	-
Current assets			
Debtors	9	116,904	114,076
Cash at bank and in hand		36,266	9,219
		153,170	123,295
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,305)	(3,941)
Net current assets		146,865	119,354
Total assets less current liabilities		160,722	119,354
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(165,669)	(121,255)
Net liabilities		(4,947)	(1,901)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11		-
Profit and loss account		(4,947)	(1,901)
Total equity		(4,947)	(1,901)

Approved and authorised by the Board on 15 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

M. WVJ.

Mark Hazlewood Director

Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2019		(1,901)	(1,901)
Loss for the year		(3,046)	(3,046)
Total comprehensive income		(3,046)	(3,046)
At 31 December 2019	-	(4,947)	(4,947)
	Share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2018	<u> </u>	(1,509)	(1,509)
Loss for the year		(392)	(392)
Total comprehensive income	<u> </u>	(392)	(392)
At 31 December 2018		(1,901)	(1,901)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

1 General information

The Company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The functional and presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £'000.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

There were no judgements or material estimation uncertainties affecting the reported financial performance in the current or prior period.

Notwithstanding net liabilities of £4,947,000 as at 31 December 2019 and a loss for the year then ended of £3,046,000 the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will have sufficient funds through funding from its ultimate parent company, Grove Limited, to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

This is dependent on Grove Limited providing additional financial support. Grove Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the Directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

The Directors of Grove Limited (the Company's ultimate parent undertaking) have prepared cash flow forecasts for Grove Limited and its subsidiaries (the Group) for a period of 15 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. These forecasts indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides and the anticipated impact of COVID-19 on the operations and its financial resources, the Group, including its subsidiaries, will have sufficient funds to meet liabilities as they fall due for that period.

A base case forecast has been prepared which takes into account the impact of COVID-19 to date and includes updated assumptions and expectations in relation to occupancy of the Group's care homes that are owned, leased and operated. Occupancy levels within homes are the primary driver for the Group's income generation. The base case forecasts a steady but prudent on-going rise in occupancy based on historic and current post-Covid data and appropriate assumptions for future fee increases. The base case is predicated on homes being in a significantly more prepared state for any second spikes.

A separate forecast reflecting a severe but plausible downside scenario has been prepared. This scenario assumes no increases in occupancy over the forecast period to December 2021 and also more prudent assumptions on any future fee increases. Both forecasts demonstrate that the Group will continue to have sufficient available cash resources for the forecast period up to the year ending 31 December 2021. In addition to the forecast cash resources available, the Group also has access to a £20m banking facility which is not expected to be drawn down during the period to 31 December 2021 under either the base case or severe but plausible downside scenario. There are also a number of further mitigating options available to management, such as a reduction in discretionary capital expenditure, should they be needed.

Consequently, the Directors are confident that the Company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Summary of disclosure exemptions

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Grove Limited the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions contained in FRS 102 Section 1.12. By virtue of FRS 102 Section 33.1A the Company has not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned entities which form part of the Group.

Name of parent of group

These financial statements are consolidated in the financial statements of Grove Limited.

The financial statements of Grove Limited may be obtained from www.jerseyfsc.org.

Group accounts not prepared

The Company is exempt by virtue of Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Tax

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

Investments

Investments in equity shares which are publicly traded or where the fair value can be measured reliably are initially measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Investments in equity shares which are not publicly traded and where fair value cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Interest income on debt securities, where applicable, is recognised in income using the effective interest method. Dividends on equity securities are recognised in income when receivable.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Derivative financial instruments

The Group uses interest rate swaps to adjust interest rate exposures. Derivative financial instruments are initially measured at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Derivatives are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when the fair value is negative.

3 Interest receivable and similar income

Interest receivable on loans to Group undertakings	2019 £ 000 6,190	2018 £ 000 6,352
4 Interest payable and similar expenses		
	2019	2018
	£ 000	£ 000
Interest on bank overdrafts and borrowings	7,899	7,584

5 Directors' remuneration

The Company had no employees other than Directors (2018: Nil). The Directors received remuneration for services to Grove Limited of which Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited is a subsidiary undertaking, however the proportion attributable to their services to Barchester Finco 2017 UK Limited is not separately identifiable.

6 Auditor's remuneration

The remuneration of the auditor in the current period was borne by another Group company. The estimate for the current year is £4,000 (2018: £4,000).

7 Taxation

Tax charged/(credited) in the profit and loss account

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax		
Total current income tax	-	· -
Deferred taxation		
Total deferred taxation	-	
Tax expense/(receipt) in the profit and loss account	-	

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

7 Taxation (continued)

The tax on profit before tax for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2018 - higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 19% (2018 - 19%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Loss before tax	(3,046)	(392)
Corporation tax at standard rate	(579)	(74)
Effect of revenues exempt from taxation	247	(160)
Tax increase arising from group relief	492	413
Tax decrease from transfer pricing adjustments	(160)	(179)
Total tax charge/(credit)	-	-

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 19% to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016. This will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly.

8 Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates

Subsidiaries	£ 000
At 1 January 2019	-
Additions	13,857
At 31 December 2019	13,857

During the year the Company purchased the entire share capital of GJP Southport Limited, Burton Waters Care Home Limited and Deeping Care Home Limited.

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the Company holds any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion and shares 2019	of voting rights held 2018
Subsidiary undertakings				
Barchester New Propco Holdco Limited	Jersey ·	Ordinary	100%	100%
Barchester Propco Two Topco Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Barchester Propco Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Barchester Propco Two Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Barchester Propco Three Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

8 Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates (continued)

Propco 2015 Limited	Jersey	Ordinary	100%	100%
Wadhurst Manor 2015 Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Juniper House 2015 Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Oak Grange 2015 Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Marnel Park 2015 Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
GJP Southport Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Deeping Care Home Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Burton Waters Care Home Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%

The registered office address of those companies registered in Jersey is 13 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1ES.

The registered office address of those companies registered in England and Wales is 3rd Floor, The Aspect, 12 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AS.

9 Debtors

	2019	2018
	£ 000	£ 000
Amounts owed by related parties	116,102	110,918
Fair value of interest rate swap		676
Income tax asset	802	2,482
	116,904	114,076

The fair value of interest rate swaps is based on bank quotes.

Amounts due from related parties stated above are legally due on demand and are thus recoverable within one year. It is not expected that a demand for these amounts will be made within the next year.

10 Creditors

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Due within one year		
Loans and borrowings	3,578	2,245
Amounts due to related parties	-	184
Accrued expenses	2,108	1,512
Fair value of interest rate swap	619	
	6,305	3,941
Due after one year		
Loans and borrowings	165,669	121,255

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

10 Creditors (continued)

The fair value of interest rate swaps is based on bank quotes.

Amounts due to related parties are legally due on demand and are thus due within one year. It is not expected that a demand for these amounts will be made within the next year.

11 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2019		2018	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	3	3	3	3
12 Loans and borrowings				
			2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Current loans and borrowings	0 (1 005 000)			
Bank borrowings (net of £722,000 (2016 issue costs)	8: £1,003,000) unan	nortised . 	3,578	2,245
			2019	2018
Non-annual lane and bannoning			£ 000	£ 000
Non-current loans and borrowings Bank borrowings (net of £2,031,000 (20)) 1 Q · £ 1 / 3 3 (100) am	amortisad		
issue costs)	110. £1,433,000) un		165,669	121,255

The bank loan increased by £49m during the year. The bank loan is secured over certain assets of the Group by way of fixed and floating charges and bears interest at a margin over LIBOR. The bank loan is repayable in quarterly instalments of £1,075k with the remaining balance repayable on 26 November 2023.

13 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent and controlling party is Grove Limited, incorporated in Jersey. The most senior parent entity producing publicly available financial statements is Grove Limited. Its financial statements are available upon request from www.jerseyfsc.org.

Relationship between entity and parents

The parent of the largest group in which these financial statements are consolidated is Grove Limited, incorporated in Jersey.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

13 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking (continued)

The address of Grove Limited is: 13 Castle Street St Helier Jersey JE1 1ES

The parent of the smallest group in which these financial statements are consolidated is Propco 2017 Limited, incorporated in Jersey.

The address of Propco 2017 Limited is: 13 Castle Street St Helier Jersey JE1 1ES