Ferguson Care Limited

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2005

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2005.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company continues to be the operation of residential care homes.

Review of business and future developments

Both the level of continuing business and the year end position were satisfactory and the directors expect that the present level of activity will be sustained for the foreseeable future.

On 31 December 2004 the Company's current assets, current liabilities and employees were transferred to Craegmoor Facilities Company Limited, a fellow group company, at no gain or loss. Following this transfer, the Company has retained only fixed assets and associated leases, intercompany balances and tax balances. Revenue is recognised by the Company in accordance with its accounting policy (see note 1 to the financial statements), although the sales ledger balances arising are transferred to Craegmoor Facilities Company Limited, who also retain the risk with respect to bad and doubtful amounts. Craegmoor Facilities Company Limited also charges the Company a management fee for administering its working capital and employees. As such, the Company only recognises turnover, management charges, depreciation, amortisation, property rental charges, interest and tax charges in its profit and loss account.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account shows a loss after tax for the year of £1,408,000 (2004: £89,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2005 (2004: £Nil).

Directors and their interests

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2005:

R Saville	Appointed 16 May 2005	Resigned 20 May 2005
A E Smith		
D Keating	Appointed 6 March 2006	
J Spurling	Appointed 13 January 2006	
M Preston	Resigned 20 April 2006	
D Fothergill	Appointed 20 April 2006	Resigned 30 June 2006
P Sandiford	Resigned 8 February 2005	
C Cameron	Appointed 15 March 2006	
C I Cameron	Appointed 1 July 2006	

No director had any share interests in respect of Ferguson Care Limited.

R Saville was a director of the ultimate parent company in the United Kingdom, Craegmoor Limited, and his share interests are shown in the directors' report of that company.

A E Smith, is a director of the ultimate parent company in the United Kingdom, Craegmoor Limited, and his share interests are shown in the directors' report of that company.

No other director at 31 December 2005 had any interest in the share capital of Craegmoor Limited.

No directors, other than those listed below, held any share options over the ordinary share capital of Craegmoor Limited.

	31 December 2005*	1 January 2005
M Preston	-	1,750

^{*} At date of resignation if earlier

These share options have an exercise price of £1 each and may be exercised on the sale of Craegmoor Limited by its current shareholders.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

Changes in fixed assets

Movements in tangible fixed assets during the year are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments primarily comprise debtors and creditors with other group companies arising directly from its operations. No trading in financial instruments has been undertaken.

There are no significant risks arising directly from the Company's financial instruments. However, the Company is reliant on the ongoing support of the Craegmoor Group, which has long term financing and overdraft facilities in place. The Board of Craegmoor Limited, the ultimate parent undertaking, has reviewed and agreed the policies for managing the risks related to these facilities as set out below:

Liquidity and credit risk:

The Group has secured long term financing and overdraft facilities with financial institutions who have high credit ratings that are designed to ensure the Company has sufficient available funds for operations. The £320,148,000 of debt, in the form of loan notes, is repayable over 18 years.

Interest rate and cash flow risk:

The Group has entered into interest rate swaps to ensure certainty over future interest cashflows. As a consequence, 94% of the Group's borrowings are at fixed rates of interest.

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The directors are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

The Company has elected, in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act UK 1985, to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually.

By order of the Board

C Cameron

Director

15 September 2006

Independent auditors' report to the members of Ferguson Care Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Ferguson Care Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, The Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

• give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its loss for the year then ended; and

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have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Birmingham

15 September 2006

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2005

		2005	2004
	Note	£'000	£'000
Turnover	3	3,080	3,177
Cost of sales		-	(1,927)
Gross profit		3,080	1,250
Administrative expenses		(2,852)	(974)
Operating profit		228	276
Losses on disposals of fixed assets	4	(1,283)	-
Interest payable	9	(415)	(283)
Interest receivable	10	3	-
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,467)	(7)
Tax on ordinary activities	11	59	(82)
Loss for the financial year	18	(1,408)	(89)

All activities relate to continuing operations.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2005

		2005	2004
	Note	£'000	£'000
Loss for the financial year		(1,408)	(89)
Impairment of previously revalued properties	18	(667)	-
Total recognised losses for the year		(2,075)	(89)
for the year ended 31 December 2005			
for the year ended 31 December 2003		2005	2004
		2005 £'000	2004 £'000
Reported loss on ordinary activities before taxation			
		£'000	£'000
Reported loss on ordinary activities before taxation Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and actua	int	£'000 (1,467)	£'000

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2005

			2004 Restated
	Mata	2005	(Note 2)
	Note	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,813	6,238
Current assets			
Debtors	13	4,269	3,923
		4,269	3,923
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(3)	
Net current assets		4,266	3,923
Total assets less current liabilities		8,079	10,161
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(4,766)	(4,773)
Net assets		3,313	5,388
Capital and reserves		· · ·	
Called up share capital	17	-	-
Revaluation reserve	18	2,016	3,886
Profit and loss account	18	1,297	1,502
Total equity shareholders' funds	19	3,313	5,388

The financial statements on pages 5 to 17 were approved by the board of directors on 15 September 2006 and signed on its behalf by:

C Cameron Director

1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been consistently applied, is set out below:

Problems arising from closure of the Regional Accounting Centres

In 2004, as part of a process of streamlining the financial operations of the Group, the decision was taken to close 11 regional accounting centres, transfer the processes to a newly established Shared Service Centre in Worcester and at the same time migrate the accounting systems to a new computer software system. Difficulties were encountered with the transfer process that led to a number of serious accounting issues within the Shared Service Centre including, most significantly, difficulties in allocating cash received from debtors against their accounts, the lack of timely completion of key accounting reconciliations and some inaccuracies in the customer invoicing process resulting in the need to subsequently issue credit notes and make provision for doubtful debts. This led to delays for many months in determining the exact recoverability or otherwise of the trade debtor amounts as at 31 December 2004 and consequently to the production of the 2004 statutory accounts while investigations were completed.

The directors took extensive actions to assess the full recoverability of trade debtors, and full provision was made where amounts were determined not to be collectible. Nonetheless, some uncertainty remained at the date the 2004 financial statements were approved by the Board in December 2005. Consequently, the Company did not maintain complete records relating to the allocation of sales transactions and cash receipts during the year ended 31 December 2004. However, by virtue of the transfer of trade debtor balances to another group company before the year-end, the uncertainty was removed from the company balance sheet. The report of the auditors for the year ended 31 December 2004 made reference to the failure to maintain proper accounting records as required by Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985 in respect solely of the allocation of sales transactions and cash receipts.

In 2005 and 2006 further significant progress has been made with key reconciliations now being performed and cash being correctly allocated to the sales ledger. The Company is now maintaining adequate accounting systems which enable it to account for transactions on a day-to-day basis. Further work is ongoing to improve still further the processes within the Shared Service Centre.

Going Concern

In the refinancing (note 20), the funders of the business agreed to waivers of past covenant breaches or to periods of time to enable remedial action to be taken. The directors believe that subsequent covenants have been met and the Group has adequate financial resources. The accounts have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of fixed assets is their purchase cost, and any costs directly attributable to bringing them into working condition for their intended use. Freehold land and buildings are revalued by independent, professionally qualified valuers on a five year rolling basis, the first such valuation being five years after acquisition. These valuations are carried out on an existing use, open market value basis, and in the intervening years are updated by the directors with the assistance of independent professional advice as required.

Increases in the revalued amounts of land and buildings are credited to revaluation reserves.

Freehold land is not depreciated. Subsequent to a revaluation, depreciation on freehold properties is based on revalued amounts. Depreciation on other tangible fixed assets is calculated to write off cost, less estimated residual values, by equal annual instalments on the following bases:

Freehold buildings -over 50 years
Building improvements -over 20 years
Equipment - over 7 years

Furniture and fittings - over 3, 5 or 10 years

Motor vehicles - over 4 years
Computer equipment - over 4 years

Provision is made for any impairment in the period in which it arises. The impairment is calculated by comparing the carrying value to the recoverable amount as required by FRS 11, "Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill". The recoverable amount of land and buildings is taken to be the higher of realisable value and value in use. Value in use is determined by reference to the expected future cash flows of the care home, discounted at a risk weighted cost of capital of 8.5% (2004: 8.5%). Realisable value is determined by independent, professional valuers on an existing use, open market value basis.

Provisions for impairment in the carrying value of land and buildings are charged against revaluation reserves in the balance sheet to the extent that they relate to a reversal of prior increases. Impairments to below historical cost are charged to the profit and loss account.

Corporation tax

UK corporation tax is provided at amounts expecting to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and bases that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Corporation tax payable is reduced wholly or in part by the surrender of losses by fellow group companies. Payments made, if any, to surrendering companies for losses are reflected in the tax charge.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation has been recognised as a liability or asset if transactions have occurred at the balance sheet date that give rise to an obligation to pay more taxation in future, or a right to pay less taxation in future. An asset is only recognised to the extent that the transfer of economic benefits in the future is deemed to be more likely than not. Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised are not discounted.

Operating leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual instalments over the lease term.

Cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Craegmoor Limited, and the cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated group cash flow statement of that company. Consequently, the Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 (Revised) from publishing a cash flow statement.

2 Changes in accounting policies

The Company has adopted FRS 21 "Events after the Balance Sheet date" and FRS 25 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation". The adoption of these standards represents a change in accounting policy although its adoption has no impact on the loss for the year or net assets.

The company has also adopted FRS 28 "Corresponding Amounts" in these financial statements, which also represents a change of accounting policy. During the current year the Directors have revised the method of allocating certain intercompany balances between debtors and short and long term creditors, primarily in respect of funding arrangements with a fellow subsidiary undertaking. Given adjustments made in the current year, the Directors have reclassified the corresponding intercompany amounts within the balance sheet in order to ensure comparability. The reclassifications made have no affect on the loss for the year or net assets.

3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts invoiced and accrued for services provided during the period, excluding Value Added Tax. Where services are invoiced in advance the related income is deferred to match the period in which the service is provided.

4 Losses on disposals of tangible fixed assets

	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000
Provisions for losses on assets held for disposal	1,283	-

The directors have reviewed assets held for resale to ensure that their carrying value does not exceed the lower of cost or estimated net realisable value on disposal.

Losses on disposals of tangible fixed assets (continued)

The effect of these reviews is a gross impairment to the carrying value of certain assets of £1,950,000 (2004: £Nil) of which £1,283,000 (2004: £Nil) has been charged to the profit and loss account in the year and £667,000 (2004: £Nil) has been deducted from revaluation reserves to reverse previous revaluations.

5 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted under paragraph 3(c) of FRS 8 and not disclosed any transactions with other group companies where they are more than 90% owned by a common parent.

6 Directors' emoluments

The emoluments of the directors were paid by Craegmoor Healthcare Company Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Craegmoor Limited. The directors were also directors of a number of other fellow subsidiaries during the year ended 31 December 2005 and 31 December 2004 and it is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments in respect of each of the subsidiaries. Accordingly, the emoluments of the directors are disclosed within the accounts of Craegmoor Healthcare Company Limited.

7 Employee information

The average monthly number of persons (including executive directors) employed by the Company during the year was:

	2005	2004
Analysis by function	Number	Number
Nursing	-	144
Ancillary	-	11
Administrative	-	16
	-	171

On 31 December 2004, the company's employee contracts were transferred from the company to a fellow subsidiary undertaking, Craegmoor Facilities Company Limited. As such, the directors consider that the company did not have any employees during the year.

	2005	2004
Staff costs (for the above persons)	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries		1,489
Social security costs	-	112
	-	1,601
8 Operating profit		
	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
Owned assets	174	221
Assets held under finance leases	2	-
Hire of plant and machinery		2
Auditors' remuneration - Audit	~	5
Management charge from fellow subsidiary	2,676	-

The audit fee of £3,000 for the Company for the year ended 31 December 2005 is borne by a fellow subsidiary company and included within the management charge.

The management charge from fellow subsidiary undertaking, Craegmoor Facilities Company Limited, relates to an allocation of operating costs incurred on behalf of the company and its fellow subsidiaries.

9 Interest payable

		2005	2004
		£'000	£'000
	Interest on amounts owed to group undertakings	415	283
10	Interest receivable		
		2005	2004
		£'000	£'000
	Interest receivable on taxation overpayments	3	-

11 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax at 30% (2004: 30%)	26	15
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	1	94
Total current taxation	27	109
Deferred taxation		
Current year - origination and reversal of timing differences	(86)	1
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	-	(28)
Total deferred taxation	(86)	(27)
Tax credit	(59)	82

The tax for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30%). The differences are explained below:

	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000
Loss on ordinary activities	(1,467)	(7)
Loss on ordinary activity multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2004: 30%)	(440)	(2)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	34	33
Capital Allowances for the year in excess of depreciation	87	(1)
Impairment of Fixed Assets	379	-
Transfer pricing adjustments and balancing payment	(34)	(15)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	1	94
Current tax charge	27	109

No provision has been made for deferred tax on gains recognised on revaluing property to its market value. Such tax would become payable only if the property was sold without it being possible to claim rollover relief. The total amount unprovided for is £605,000 (2004: £1,160,000).

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2005	6,250	795	95	7,140
Additions	•	86	24	110
Disposals	(437)	-	-	(437)
Impairment (Note 3)	(601)	-	-	(601)
At 31 December 2005	5,212	881	119	6,212
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2005	338	469	95	902
Charge for the year	108	66	2	176
Disposals	(28)	-	 -	(28)
Impairment (Note 3)	1,349	•	_	1,349
At 31 December 2005	1,767	535	97	2,399
Net book value				
At 31 December 2005	3,445	346	22	3,813
At 31 December 2004	5,912	326	<u> </u>	6,238

The net book value of motor vehicles includes £22,000 (2004: £Nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases. Depreciation of £2,000 (2004: £Nil) was charged in the year on these assets.

In accordance with the Company's accounting policy, the land and buildings occupied by the Company, were revalued by independent external valuers, Christies & Co, Chartered Surveyors and Valuers, as at 31 December 2005. This was on the basis of existing use value in accordance with procedures approved by Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

If freehold land and buildings had not been revalued they would have been included at the following amounts:

	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000
Cost	2,554	2,746
Aggregate depreciation based on cost	(413)	(395)
Net book value based on cost	2,141	2,351

13 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	2005 £'000	2004 Restated (Note 2) £'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,172	3,892
Corporation tax recoverable	-	20
	4,172	3,912
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Deferred taxation (note 15)	97	11
	4,269	3,923

The deferred taxation asset comprises timing differences related to accelerated capital allowances.

Amounts owed by group undertakings are interest free and are payable on demand.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2005	2004
	£'000	Restated (Note 2) £'000
Obligations under finance leases	3	•

Amounts owed to group undertakings are interest free and are payable on demand.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2005 £'000	2004 Restated (Note 2) £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,745	4,773
Obligations under finance leases	21	-
	4,766	4,773

There are no defined repayment terms on amounts owed to group undertakings but the relevant group undertaking has confirmed to the directors of the Company that it will not seek any repayments of this loan within 12 months after the year-end.

Finance leases repayable as follows:

	2005 £'000	2004
		£'000
In one year or less	3	•
Between one and two years	3	-
Between two and five years	18	-
	24	

16 Deferred Taxation

	De	ferred tax asset
		£'000
At 1 January 2005		11
Charged in the profit and loss account (note 11)		86
At 31 December 2005		97
	2005	2004
	£'000	£'000
The amount provided for deferred taxation comprises:		
Timing differences relating to accelerated capital allowances	(97)	(11)

17 Called up share capital

	2005 £'000	2004
		£'000
Authorised		
1,000 (2004: 1000) ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
100 (2004: 100) ordinary shares of £1 each	-	-

18 Reserves

	Profit and loss account	Revaluation reserve
	£'000	
At 1 January 2005	1,502	3,886
Impairment of previously revalued properties	-	(667)
Transfer from revaluation reserve to profit and loss account – Revaluation surplus realised following sale of property	1,203	(1,203)
Loss for the financial year	(1,408)	-
At 31 December 2005	1,297	2,016

19 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	2005	2004
	£,000	£'000
Loss for the financial year	(1,408)	(89)
Impairment of previously revalued properties	(667)	-
Net decrease in shareholders' funds	(2,075)	(89)
Opening equity shareholders' funds	5,388	5,477
Closing equity shareholders' funds	3,313	5,388

20 Post balance sheet events

On 13 March 2006 the Craegmoor Group completed a refinancing exercise with the injection of £8.25m from shareholders following the issue of new loan notes. The capital injection was used to refinance group companies. In addition the Borrower Security Trustee of the securitisation arrangements, to which the Company is a party, agreed to waive past breaches or to provide a period of time in which breaches must be remedied. The Company has complied with the obligations attaching to the waivers.

21 Contingent liabilities

There is a fixed charge over the assets of the Company and a cross guarantee in respect of the external loan undertaken by Craegmoor Funding (No. 2) Limited amounting to £3,930,000 (2004 restated: £3,930,000).

The prior year contingent liability figure has been restated as described in note 2.

22 Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2005 the Company had no capital commitments (2004: £Nil).

23 Immediate and ultimate parent companies

The directors regard Craegmoor Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, as the immediate parent company of Ferguson Care Limited, and Craegmoor Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent company in the United Kingdom. The parent companies of the largest and smallest groups in which Ferguson Care Limited is consolidated are Craegmoor Limited and Craegmoor Investments Limited respectively. Copies of Craegmoor Limited's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from its registered office, Craegmoor House, Perdiswell Park, Worcester, WR3 7NW.