

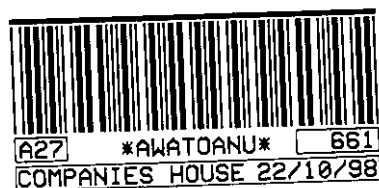


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PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 1997



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PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS:

C. B. Mitchell
B. G. Leslie
D. Docherty

SECRETARY:

Tiercel Services Limited

REGISTERED OFFICE:

15 North Audley Street,
London W1Y 1WE

REGISTERED NUMBER:

2714090

AUDITORS:

Smith & Hutchinson
Chartered Accountants,
The Swiss Centre,
10 Wardour Street,
London W1V 3HG

PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 1997.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue to operate.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with 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.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company was that of producing journals and magazines relating to the health care service.

Review of Business

A summary of the results is shown on page 5 of the accounts.

Dividends

The directors of the company recommend that no dividend should be declared for the year.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT - Continued

Directors and their interests

The directors at 31st December 1997 and their interest in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	Ordinary 'A' Shares of £1 each		Ordinary 'B' Shares of £1 each	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
C. B. Mitchell	-	-	-	-
B. G. Leslie	-	-	-	-
D. Docherty	-	-	-	-

Tiercel Services Limited, a company in which C. B. Mitchell has an interest, holds 498 'A' and 498 'B' ordinary shares in the company as a nominee holding.

Auditors

Smith & Hutchinson, the auditors, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be put forward to the next Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

N. Mitchell for.

TIERCEL SERVICES LIMITED
Secretary

Dated: *19th October 1998.*



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AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards 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 judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and 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 of the state of the company's affairs at 31st December 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

SMITH & HUTCHINSON

**Registered Auditor and
Chartered Accountants**

Dated: 19th October 1998

PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

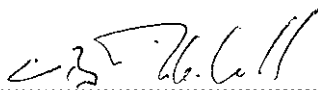
	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
TURNOVER		91,579	97,604
Cost of sales		<u>83,254</u>	<u>88,731</u>
GROSS PROFIT		8,325	8,873
Administrative expenses		<u>(5,715)</u>	<u>(6,410)</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	2	2,610	2,463
Interest receivable		<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		2,727	2,463
Taxation	3	<u>859</u>	<u>813</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		1,868	1,650
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>5,825</u>	<u>4,175</u>
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		£ <u>7,693</u>	£ <u>5,825</u>

There are no gains or losses for the year other than those stated in the profit and loss account at 31st December 1997.

PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	13,543	12,984
Cash at bank		<u>19,571</u>	<u>8,077</u>
		33,114	21,061
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>24,425</u>	<u>14,240</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£ <u>8,689</u>	£ <u>6,821</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	6	996	996
Profit and loss account		<u>7,693</u>	<u>5,825</u>
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	7	£ <u>8,689</u>	£ <u>6,821</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



C. B. MITCHELL
 Director

Dated: 19th October 1998

PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting and reporting standards.

2. Profit on ordinary activities

	1997	1996
	£	£
The profit on ordinary activities before taxation arises after charging:		
Auditors remuneration	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,100</u>

3. Taxation

Corporation tax is charged as follows.	1997	1996
	£	£
Current corporation tax at 31.5% (1996 - 33%)	£ <u>859</u>	£ <u>813</u>

4. Debtors

	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,177	12,748
Value added tax	<u>3,366</u>	<u>236</u>
	£ <u>13,543</u>	£ <u>12,984</u>

5. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,362	12,025
Other creditors	4	302
Accruals	1,200	1,100
Corporation tax	<u>859</u>	<u>813</u>
	£ <u>24,425</u>	£ <u>14,240</u>

PALLIATIVE CARE LIMITED

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

6. Called up share capital

	1997 £	1996 £
Authorised:		
500 ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each	500	500
500 ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	£ <u>1,000</u>	£ <u>1,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
498 ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each	498	498
498 ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	<u>498</u>	<u>498</u>
	£ <u>996</u>	£ <u>996</u>

7. Equity shareholders' funds

	1997 £
At 1st January 1997	6,821
Profit for the year	<u>1,868</u>
At 31st December 1997	£ <u>8,689</u>

8. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.

9. Capital commitments

The company was not committed to any capital expenditure at the date of the balance sheet.

10. Related Party Transactions

The ultimate controlling parties identified by the company are various trusts the beneficiaries of which include descendants of the late Isaac and Sophie Sackler.

The company received income of £91,579 from the Napp Pharmaceutical Group Limited, a company related to the ultimate controlling parties. The balance outstanding at 31st December 1997 with Napp Pharmaceutical Group Limited amounted to £10,177.