

Speciality Care (Learning Disabilities) Limited
Annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2001

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2001

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continues to be the operation of a nursing home.

Review of business and future developments

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

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account shows a profit for the year of £ 101,000 (2000: £91,000). The directors paid an interim dividend of £84,000 on 6 March 2001 (2000: £Nil). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2001.

Directors and their interests

The directors who held office during the year are listed on page 1.

M A Stratford is a director of the ultimate parent company in the United Kingdom, Craegmoor Limited, and his share interests shown in the directors' report of that company. No other director at 31 December 2001 had any interest in the share capital of Speciality Care (Learning Disabilities) Limited or Craegmoor Limited.

Changes in fixed assets

Movements in tangible fixed assets during the year are set out in note 9 to the financial statements.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2001 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities

At the end of each financial year the Directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts which 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 year. In preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2001, appropriate accounting policies, supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been consistently used and UK applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. In addition, the Directors are responsible for ensuring that an appropriate system of internal control is in operation to provide them with reasonable assurance that the assets of the Company are properly safeguarded and to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or detect fraud and other irregularities.

The auditors' responsibilities in relation to the accounts are set out in their report on page 4.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors to the company will be proposed at the annual general meeting

By order of the Board



BLG (Professional Services) Limited
Company Secretary
21 August 2002

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Auditors' report to the members of Speciality Care (Learning Disabilities) Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 3.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards as issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the accounts, 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 transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts.

Basis of audit 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 December 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Birmingham

21 August 2002

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2001

	Note	2001 £'000	2000 £'000
Turnover	2	672	659
Cost of sales		(448)	(446)
Gross profit		224	213
Administrative expenses		(77)	(83)
Operating profit	6	147	130
Net interest payable	7	-	(3)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		147	127
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(46)	(36)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		101	91
Dividends		(84)	-
Profit for the financial year	15	17	91

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above and therefore no separate statement of recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

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Note of historical cost profits and losses

For the year ended 31 December 2001	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	147	127
Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and actual depreciation charge for the year calculated on the revalued amount	2	2
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	149	129
Historical cost profit for the year retained after taxation and dividends	19	93

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2001

	Note	2001 £'000	2000 £'000
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	1,165	1,187
Current assets			
Debtors	10	345	359
Cash at bank and in hand	1	14	
		346	373
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(54)	(120)
Net current assets		292	253
Total assets less current liabilities		1,457	1,440
Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(1,210)	(1,210)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13	(4)	(4)
Net assets		243	226
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	-	-
Profit and loss account	15	127	110
Revaluation reserve	15	116	116
Total equity shareholders' funds	16	243	226

The financial statements on page 5 to 15 were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:



M A Stratford

Director

21 August 2002

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001

1. Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. During the period, the Company has implemented Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") 18, "Accounting Policies". Other than the item referred to below under the heading "Tangible fixed assets" this has not resulted in any change to the accounting policies of the company. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been consistently applied, is set out below:

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. Land and buildings are stated at valuations made by directors based on valuations made by independent professionally qualified valuers on an existing use open market value basis. Land and buildings are revalued by professionally qualified valuers every five years and in the intervening years these valuations are updated by the directors with the assistance of independent professional advice as required.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets less their estimated residual values, on the following bases:

Freehold land	- nil
Freehold buildings	- 2% straight line
Equipment	- 10% to 25% straight line (previously 15% reducing balance)
Furniture and fittings	- 10% to 25% straight line (previously 15% reducing balance)
Motor vehicles	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 25% straight line

The change in the basis for depreciating equipment, furniture and fittings did not have a material impact on the results for the year.

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 FRS11, '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 adjusted weighted cost of capital.

Provisions for impairment in the carrying value of fixed assets to below historical cost are charged to the profit and loss account.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Finance and operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged as incurred.

Leasing agreements which transfer to the group substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitments is shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit so as to give a constant periodic rate of charge on

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1. Principal accounting policies (continued)

the remaining balance outstanding at each accounting period. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms, generally 25 years and the useful lives of equivalent owned assets.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

Pension costs

The company does not operate a pension scheme. Pension costs represent amounts paid to employees' private pension schemes.

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. Turnover

Turnover which excludes value added tax consists entirely of fee income charged for the year in the United Kingdom.

3. 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.

4. Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments for the year ended 31 December 2001 were £Nil (2000: £Nil).

5. Employee information

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

Nursing, ancillary and administrative	2001	2000
	Number	Number
Full time	24	22
Part time	39	29
	63	51

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5. Employee information (continued)

Staff costs (for the above persons)	2001 £'000	2000 £'000
Wages and salaries	394	391
Social security costs	22	23
	416	414

6. Operating profit

	2001 £'000	2000 £'000
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
- owned assets	26	24
- under finance leases	-	1
Auditors' remuneration - Audit	2	3

7. Net interest payable

	2001 £'000	2000 £'000
Interest payable on finance leases and hire purchase contracts	-	3

8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2001 £'000	2000 £'000
Taxation on the profit for the year		
UK corporation tax at 30% (2000: 30%)	46	37
Prior year adjustment for over provision	-	(1)
	46	36

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9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £'000	Fixtures and Fittings £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2001	1,203	50	1,253
Additions	-	4	4
At 31 December 2001	1,203	54	1,257
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 January 2001	44	22	66
Charge for the year	22	4	26
At 31 December 2001	66	26	92
Net book value			
At 31 December 2001	1,137	28	1,165
At 31 December 2000	1,159	28	1,187
Cost or valuation at 31 December 2001	£'000	£'000	£'000
Valuation in 1999	1,203	-	1,203
Cost	-	54	54
At 31 December 2001	1,203	54	1,257

In accordance with the company's accounting policy, the land and buildings occupied by the company, were revalued during 1999, by independent external valuers, Matthews and Goodman, Chartered Surveyors and Valuers. This was on the basis of existing use value in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

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9. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

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

	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Cost	1,104	1,104
Aggregate depreciation based on cost	(76)	(56)
Net book value based on cost	1,028	1,048

10. Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	22	32
Amounts owed by group undertakings	318	325
Other debtors	1	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4	2
	345	359

11. Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year

	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	4	-
Trade creditors	3	53
Corporation tax payable	5	24
Other creditors	5	9
Obligations under finance leases	-	2
Accruals and deferred income	37	32
	54	120

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12. Creditors – Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed to group	1,210	1,210

Amounts owed to the immediate parent company, comprises an interest free loan. There are no defined repayment terms but the immediate parent company has confirmed to the directors of the company that it will not seek repayment of this loan within the next 12 months.

Included in amounts owed to fellow subsidiary after more than one year is £10,000 loaned to the company by Craegmoor Funding PLC under the Issuer/Borrowers Facility Agreement dated 23 November 2000. Craegmoor Funding PLC is a fellow subsidiary of Craegmoor Limited.

13. Provisions for liabilities and charges

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements and the amount unprovided of the total potential liability at a tax rate of 30% (2000: 30%) are as follows:

	Amounts provided		Amounts unprovided	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tax effect of timing differences because of:				
Excess capital allowances over depreciation	4	4	34	28
Deferred tax provision	4	4	34	28

14. Called up share capital

	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Authorised		
1000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	-	-

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15. Reserves

	Profit and loss account	Revaluation reserve
	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2001	110	116
Profit for the financial year	17	-
At 31 December 2001	127	116

16. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2001	2000
	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year	17	91
Opening equity shareholders' funds	226	135
Closing equity shareholders' funds	243	226

17. Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2001 (2000: £Nil)

18. Contingent liabilities

There is a fixed and floating charge over the property, undertakings and assets of the company in respect of a loan from Craegmoor Funding PLC to the company under the Issuer/Borrowers Facility Agreement dated 23 November 2000. Craegmoor Funding PLC is a fellow subsidiary of Craegmoor Limited.

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19. Immediate and ultimate parent company

The directors regard Craegmoor Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, as the immediate parent company of Speciality Care (Learning Disabilities) Limited and Craegmoor Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent company in the United Kingdom of Craegmoor Holdings Limited. Copies of the Craegmoor Limited's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from its registered office, "Hillcairnie", St Andrews Road, Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, WR9 8DJ.

At 31 December 2001, Legal & General Group Plc owned 62.85% of the issued share capital of Craegmoor Limited via an intermediate subsidiary and a limited partnership. Legal & General Group Plc has excluded Craegmoor Limited from consolidation in its 2001 report and accounts because the limited partnership agreement imposes severe long term restrictions over its ability to exercise control.

Subsequent to the period end Legal & General Group Plc's holding in the issued share capital of Craegmoor Limited has been reduced to 47.22%.