REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 1997



Company No: 3333791

(Company No: 3333791)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their first report and financial statements for the period from 14 March 1997 to 31 December 1997.

ACTIVITIES

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The Company was incorporated on 14 March 1997 as Care First Care Services Limited. The Company's name was changed to Care First Bedfordshire Limited on 12 August 1997.

The Company has not yet commenced trading and accordingly has made neither a profit nor a loss.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The Company will manage and operate a number of residential care homes for elderly people under a contract with Bedfordshire County Council.

DIRECTORS

The following were Directors of the Company during the period.

J Davies (appointed 27 January 1998)
M Ellerby (appointed 27 January 1998)
G Smith (appointed 27 January 1998)
A Walford (appointed 27 January 1998)

G Wainwright (appointed 15 December 1997, resigned 7 January 1998)
Dr C B Patel (appointed 14 March 1997, resigned 26 September 1997)
A G Heywood (appointed 13 August 1997, resigned 7 January 1998)

K G Bradshaw (appointed 13 August 1997)

R J Reid (appointed 13 August 1997, resigned 7 January 1998)

D J Dwyer (appointed and resigned 14 March 1997)
B J Dwyer (appointed and resigned 14 March 1997)

The Directors' beneficial interests in the shares of its parent company, Care First Group plc, for the year, are disclosed in the directors' report of that company. There are no notifiable interests in the ultimate parent company.

The Directors had no other interests in the shares of the Company or any other group company.

AUDITORS

In accordance with the provisions of section 250 of the Companies Act 1985, the company being a dormant company within the meaning of said section, Section 384(1) of the Companies Act 1986 shall not apply and accordingly no auditors shall be appointed.

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12 March 1998 Telford TF2 9SP

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial period 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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 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.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

M Ellerby DIRECTOR 12 March 1998

BALANCE SHEET

31 December 1997

	Note	1997 £
CURRENT ASSETS Amounts owed by parent company		<u>2</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up equity share capital	3	<u>2</u>

The directors confirm that the company was dormant within the meaning of Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985 throughout the period ended 31 December 1997.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 March 1998.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

M Ellerby DIRECTOR

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Period ended 31 December 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

The Company did not trade during the period. There were no recognised gains or losses in the period. Accordingly, no profit and loss account, statement of recognised gains or losses, or reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds have been presented.

The Directors did not receive any emoluments in the period.

There were no employees of the Company, other than the Directors, in the period.

3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised:
100 ordinary shares of £1 each

Allotted and fully paid:
2 ordinary shares of £1 each

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4. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is The British United Provident Association Limited (BUPA), a company incorporated and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the financial statements of the ultimate parent company are available at the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ