

**Directors' Report and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017  
for  
FocusEducation (Newcastle) Limited**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

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# **FocusEducation (Newcastle) Limited**

## **Company Information for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

<b>Directors:</b>	Michael Donn Kenneth Gillespie Leo McKenna Barry Millsom
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ailison Mitchell
<b>Registered office:</b>	3rd Floor 3 - 5 Charlotte Street Manchester M1 4HB
<b>Registered number:</b>	04402652 (England and Wales)
<b>Independent auditors:</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 1 Hardman Square Manchester M3 3EB
<b>Bankers:</b>	Bank of Scotland 11 Earl Grey Street Edinburgh EH3 9BN
<b>Solicitors:</b>	CMS Cameron McKenna LLP Mitre House 160 Aldergate Street London EC14 4DD

## **Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

The directors present their report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

### **Principal activity**

The principal activities of the Company are to design, finance, construct and operate certain facilities and provide non-educational services at a number of schools in Newcastle for the period until 31 March 2029 under a concession agreement with The Council of the City of Newcastle Upon Tyne. The agreement to provide new schools and associated facilities management was signed on 18 April 2002.

### **Review of business**

The project has now completed its twelfth year of operations since the construction phase was completed. Full operational services are generally progressing well, with minimal performance deductions.

### **Results**

The profit for the financial year is £394,000 (2016: £347,000).

### **Dividends**

The company made dividend payment of £303,000 in the year (2016: £nil).

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

As the project is in its operational phase, operational risks are monitored closely. This takes the form of representation on site through the Company's management services agent and periodic reporting by the independent Technical Assessor.

The availability fee and the majority of the costs are contractually linked to the Retail Prices Index (excluding mortgage interest) (RPIx). A relatively small proportion of total costs are not inflation-linked and a rise in these costs above the general rate of inflation would reduce debt service cover ratios. The most significant of these costs is insurance, though claims history so far is good and current premium renewals have not been excessive and there are mechanisms in place within the terms of the concession agreement with The Council of the City of Newcastle Upon Tyne to share any extremes of costs or savings against budget.

A small proportion of cash flow is derived from bank interest on cash balances. The current low level of credit interest rates is therefore a risk to the business and its compliance with debt covenants.

The Company's revenues have largely been in line with expectations, with very few deductions applied for non-availability of the assets. Any such deductions are passed down to the subcontractors so there is no direct financial consequence to the company. Sustained non-availability can lead to contract termination but the company is not anywhere close to such termination trigger points. Compliance with the detailed and complex operational requirements of the PFI projects remains a key risk given the potential termination consequences. Directors receive regular reports on actual performance compared to termination trigger thresholds.

Another risk is the continued funding from the public sector counterparties to the PFI project agreements, especially as these counterparties are under pressure to make savings in their operational PFI contracts. To date, most of the pressure to make such cost savings has fallen on the sub-contractors to the project companies rather than on the project companies themselves. Furthermore, it is understood that current policy from central government is not to encourage voluntary termination of PFI projects.

### **Key performance indicators**

The level of performance and availability deductions arising from failures to achieve specified levels of contract service is a key performance indicator. These are reported quarterly to the Board and have been small in relation to total unitary payments.

Another key indicator is the ratio of operating cash flow to the senior debt service amount. This ratio is tested at six-monthly intervals and each time it has been to the satisfaction of the senior debt provider.

**Directors' Report  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**Directors**

The directors during the year under review were:

Michael Donn  
Kenneth Gillespie  
Leo McKenna  
Barry Millsom

The directors holding office at 31 December 2017 did not hold any beneficial interest in the issued share capital of the company at 1 January 2017 or 31 December 2017.

Certain directors benefit from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and at the date of this report.

**Financial instruments**

The company's principal financial instruments comprise of a term loan and unsecured loan stock. The terms of these financial instruments are such that the profile of the debt service costs is tailored to match expected revenues arising from the concession.

The company does not undertake financial instrument transactions which are speculative or unrelated to the company's trading activities.

**Interest rate risk**

The term loan is exposed to interest rate risk.

The company has entered into a fixed interest rate swap to avoid volatility on debt service costs on its floating rate debt.

The unsecured loan stock is not exposed to interest rate risk.

**Political donations**

There were no political donations made in the year (2016: £nil).

**Going concern**

The directors have reviewed the net liabilities position at 31 December 2017 together with the company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance and believe that it will not impact on the ability of the company to continue trading for the foreseeable future and have therefore prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The company is dependent on support from Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited, its parent undertaking, for continued operation as a going concern. The directors of Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited have confirmed their intention to support the company for at least the next 12 months and the foreseeable future.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that so far as they are each aware there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

**Directors' Report  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

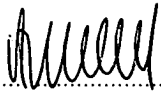
**Strategic report**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 414B of the Companies Act 2006 not to present a Strategic Report.

**Independent Auditors**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the independent auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will therefore continue in office.

**On behalf of the board:**



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Ailison Mitchell - Secretary

Date: 4 May 2018

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law). 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting 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 in business.

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.

The directors 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.

# ***Independent auditors' report to the members of FocusEducation (Newcastle) Limited***

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

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### **Opinion**

In our opinion, FocusEducation (Newcastle) Limited financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Directors' Report and financial statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017; the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

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### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (UK) require us to report to you when:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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### **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.



## *Directors' Report*

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2017 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

### *Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements*

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for 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 the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

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 an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

### *Use of this report*

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, 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.

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## **Other required reporting**

### **Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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### **Entitlement to exemptions**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to: prepare financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime; take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Paul Cheshire (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Edinburgh

4 May 2018

**Profit and Loss Account and Other Comprehensive Income  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Turnover</b>	3	2,486	2,989
Cost of sales		(2,107)	(2,650)
<b>Gross profit</b>		379	339
Administrative expenses		(242)	(195)
<b>Operating profit</b>	5	137	144
Interest receivable and similar income	6	1,902	2,013
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(1,571)	(1,722)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		468	435
Tax on profit	8	(74)	(88)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		394	347
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges		(11)	(1,022)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges recycled to profit and loss		1,101	1,165
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income		(199)	(76)
<b>Other comprehensive income For the year, net of income tax</b>		891	67
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		1,285	414

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2017**

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	2,618	1,636
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	26,328	28,394
Cash at bank		5,995	7,337
		<u>34,941</u>	<u>37,367</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(12,759)	(11,799)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>22,182</u>	<u>25,568</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>22,182</u>	<u>25,568</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12	(23,847)	(27,189)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	15	(1,107)	(2,133)
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<u>(2,772)</u>	<u>(3,754)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	16	37	37
Other reserves	17	(2,970)	(3,861)
Retained earnings	17	161	70
<b>Shareholder funds</b>		<u>(2,772)</u>	<u>(3,754)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 4 May 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
LEO MCKENNA

Director

**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Called up share capital £000	Cash flow hedging reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
Balance at 1 January 2016	37	(3,928)	(277)	(4,168)
<b>Total comprehensive expense for the year</b>				
Profit for the financial year	-	-	347	347
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	-	(1,022)	-	(1,022)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges recycled to profit and loss	-	1,165	-	1,165
Income tax on other comprehensive income / (expense)	-	(76)	-	(76)
<b>Total comprehensive expense for the year</b>	-	67	347	414
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>				
Dividends	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>(3,861)</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>(3,754)</b>
	Called up share capital £000	Cash flow hedging reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
Balance at 1 January 2017	37	(3,861)	70	(3,754)
<b>Total comprehensive expense for the year</b>				
Profit for the financial year	-	-	394	394
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	-	(11)	-	(11)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges recycled to profit and loss	-	1,101	-	1,101
Income tax on other comprehensive income / (expense)	-	(199)	-	(199)
<b>Total comprehensive expense for the year</b>	-	891	394	1,285
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>				
Dividends	-	-	(303)	(303)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2017</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>(2,970)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>(2,772)</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**1. Statutory information**

FocusEducation (Newcastle) Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

**2. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"). All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

FRS 102 grants certain first-time adoption exemptions from the full requirements of FRS 102. The following exemptions have been taken in these financial statements:

- Service concession arrangements - the Company entered into its Service concession arrangement before the date of transition to this FRS. Therefore its service concession arrangements have continued to be accounted for using the same accounting policies being applied at the date of transition to this FRS.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited are prepared in accordance with FRS102 and are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to end of the period;
- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

As the consolidated financial statements of Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- The disclosures required by Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 (Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instrument Issues respectively) in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements. On first time adoption of FRS 102, the Company has not retrospectively changed its accounting under old UK GAAP for accounting estimates.

**Measurement convention**

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except that the following assets and liabilities are stated at their fair value: derivative financial instruments.

**Going concern**

The company currently has £22,581,000 of total debt. Whilst it has net liabilities of £2,772,000 in 2017 (2016: £3,754,000), this is mainly as a result of accounting for the fair value of interest rate swap agreements, the majority of which do not crystallise as liabilities for a number of years and as such the company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that it should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**2. Accounting policies - continued  
Going concern - continued**

The Directors have reviewed the Company's projected profits and cash flows by reference to a financial model covering accounting periods up to March 2029. The company has considerable financial resources together with long-term contracts with the Council. As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

**Related party exemption**

The company is wholly owned by FocusEducation (Newcastle) Holdings Limited which, in turn, is wholly owned by Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited and has therefore taken the exemption in section 33 of FRS 102 'Related Party Disclosures' that allows it not to disclose transactions with wholly owned members of a group.

**Classification of financial instruments issued by the company**

In accordance with Section 22 of FRS 102.22, financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

(a) they include no contractual obligations upon the company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the company; and

(b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

**Basic financial instruments**

**Trade and other debtors / creditors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

**Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments**

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**2. Accounting policies - continued**

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits.

**Restricted cash**

The Company is obligated to keep a separate cash reserve in respect of future financing costs. This restricted cash balance, which is shown on the balance sheet within the "cash at bank and in hand" balance, amounts to £1,718,000 at the year end (2016: £1,741,000).

The Company is also obligated to keep a separate cash reserve in respect of future major maintenance costs. This restricted cash balance, which is shown on the balance sheet within the "cash at bank and in hand" balance, amounts to £2,965,000 at the year end (2016: £3,433,000)

**Other financial instruments**

**Financial instruments not considered to be basic financial instruments (Other financial instruments)**

Other financial instruments not meeting the definition of Basic Financial Instruments are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition other financial instruments are measured at fair value with changes recognised in profit or loss except as follows:

- hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship shall be recognised as set out below.

**Derivative financial instruments and hedging**

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in profit or loss. However, where derivatives qualify for hedge accounting, recognition of any resultant gain or loss depends on the nature of the item being hedged (see below).

**Cash flow hedges**

Where a derivative financial instrument is designated as a hedge of the variability in cash flows of a recognised asset or liability, or a highly probable forecast transaction, the effective part of any gain or loss on the derivative financial instrument is recognised directly in Other comprehensive income (OCI). Any ineffective portion of the hedge is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

For cash flow hedges, where the forecast transactions resulted in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the hedging gain or loss recognised in OCI is included in the initial cost or other carrying amount of the asset or liability. Alternatively when the hedged item is recognised in profit or loss the hedging gain or loss is reclassified to profit or loss.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or the entity discontinues designation of the hedge relationship but the hedged forecast transaction is still expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss at that point remains in equity and is recognised in accordance with the above policy when the transaction occurs. If the hedged transaction is no longer expected to take place, the cumulative unrealised gain or loss recognised in equity is recognised in the income statement immediately.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**2. Accounting policies - continued**

**Impairment excluding deferred tax assets**

**Financial assets (including trade and other debtors)**

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

**Taxation**

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable or receivable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

**Provisions**

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, that can be reliably measured and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Provisions are made in respect of lifecycle maintenance costs to the extent that the company is obligated to undertake maintenance in future periods.

**Interest receivable and interest payable**

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable on borrowings and associated ongoing financing fees.

Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and interest recognised on the finance debtor based upon the finance debtor accounting policy above.

Interest payable is recognised in profit or loss as it accrues, using the effective interest method. Other interest receivable and similar income is recognised in profit or loss as it accrues.



**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**3. Turnover**

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

An analysis of turnover by class of business is given below:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Operational services	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,989</b>
	<b><u>2,486</u></b>	<b><u>2,989</u></b>

The turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation arise entirely within the United Kingdom.

**4. Employees and directors**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Recharges in respect of non-executive directors' services	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>
	<b><u>100</u></b>	<b><u>98</u></b>

The company had no employees during the year (2016: none). Services provided by the contractors include the provision of staff and management to perform contractual responsibilities. Costs associated with the staff and management are included within the contractor's service charges. The Directors received no remuneration for their services during the year (2016: £nil). A payment is made for the services of the non-executive directors to their employer.

**5. Operating profit**

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Amounts receivable by the auditor and their associates in respect of:		
Audit of these financial statements	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>

Included in the fee above is £2,000 (2016: £2,000) for the audit of the parent entity FocusEducation (Newcastle) Holdings Limited.

**6. Interest receivable and similar income**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Bank interest	<b>45</b>	<b>54</b>
Finance debtor interest receivable	<b>1,857</b>	<b>1,959</b>
	<b><u>1,902</u></b>	<b><u>2,013</u></b>

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**7. Interest payable and similar expenses**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Senior loan interest	<b>1,381</b>	1,525
To parent company	<b>190</b>	197
	<u><b>1,571</b></u>	<u>1,722</u>

**8. Taxation**

**Analysis of the tax charge**

The tax charge on the profit for the year was as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	<b>74</b>	88
Tax on profit	<u><b>74</b></u>	<u>88</u>

UK corporation tax has been charged at 19.25% (2016 - 20%).

**Tax on items charged to equity**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Origination and reversal of timing differences	<b>199</b>	(5)
Effects of changes in tax rate	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u>81</u>

**Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss**

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Profit before tax	<b>468</b>	435
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.250% (2016 - 20%)	<b>90</b>	87
Effects of:		
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	<u><b>(16)</b></u>	<u>1</u>
Total tax charge	<u><b>74</b></u>	<u>88</u>

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**8. Taxation - continued**

**Tax effects relating to effects of other comprehensive income**

	<b>Gross £'000</b>	<b>Tax £'000</b>	<b>2017 Net £'000</b>
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(11)	-	(11)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges recycled to profit and loss	<u>1,101</u>	<u>(199)</u>	<u>902</u>
	<u><u>1,090</u></u>	<u><u>(199)</u></u>	<u><u>891</u></u>

	<b>Gross £'000</b>	<b>Tax £'000</b>	<b>2016 Net £'000</b>
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(1,022)	-	(1,022)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges recycled to profit and loss	<u>1,165</u>	<u>(76)</u>	<u>1,089</u>
	<u><u>143</u></u>	<u><u>(76)</u></u>	<u><u>67</u></u>

	<b>2017</b>			<b>2016</b>		
	<b>Current tax £'000</b>	<b>Deferred tax £'000</b>	<b>Total tax £'000</b>	<b>Current tax £'000</b>	<b>Deferred tax £'000</b>	<b>Total tax £'000</b>
Recognised in profit and loss account	74	-	74	88	-	88
Recognised in other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>
Total tax	<u><u>74</u></u>	<u><u>199</u></u>	<u><u>273</u></u>	<u><u>8</u></u>	<u><u>76</u></u>	<u><u>164</u></u>

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015. A further reduction to 17% from 1 April 2020 was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016 and therefore deferred tax balances have been remeasured at the rate applicable at the date of anticipated reversal. The tax assessed for the year is equal to (2016: equal to) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK.

**9. Dividends**

	<b>2017 £'000</b>	<b>2016 £'000</b>
Ordinary £1 (2016: £1) shares of £1 each		
Dividends	<u><u>303</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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**10. Debtors**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	719	18
Finance debtor	1,726	1,478
Other debtors	172	137
Prepayments	1	3
	<u>2,618</u>	<u>1,636</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Finance debtor	25,663	27,530
Deferred tax asset	665	864
	<u>26,328</u>	<u>28,394</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>28,946</u>	<u>30,030</u>

**11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Senior loan (see note 13)	2,292	2,211
Amount owed to group (see note 13)	126	121
Trade creditors	294	263
Corporation tax	42	36
VAT	251	229
Accruals and deferred income	9,754	8,939
	<u>12,759</u>	<u>11,799</u>

**12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Senior loan (see note 13)	18,778	20,966
Amount owed to group (see note 13)	1,434	1,497
Other financial liabilities (see note 15)	3,635	4,726
	<u>23,847</u>	<u>27,189</u>

**13. Loans**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Senior loan	2,292	2,211
Amount owed to parent company	126	121
	<u>2,418</u>	<u>2,332</u>

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**13. Loans - continued**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Amounts falling due between one and two years:		
Senior loan	<b>2,272</b>	2,213
Amount owed to parent company	<b>72</b>	64
	<b><u>2,344</u></b>	<b><u>2,277</u></b>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Senior loan	<b>7,220</b>	6,974
Amount owed to parent company	<b>276</b>	245
	<b><u>7,496</u></b>	<b><u>7,219</u></b>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments		
Senior loan	<b>9,286</b>	11,779
Amount owed to parent company	<b>1,086</b>	1,188
	<b><u>10,372</u></b>	<b><u>12,967</u></b>

Included within amounts owed to group undertaking are amounts repayable after five years of £1,086,000 (2016: £1,189,000) respectively

**Terms and debt repayment schedule**

The total cash repayable on the loan is as follows:

	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Nominal interest rate</b>	<b>Year of maturity</b>	<b>Repayment schedule</b>	<b>2017 £000</b>	<b>2016 £000</b>
Senior loan	GBP	LIBOR plus 1.05%	2027	Quarterly	<b>21,083</b>	23,207
Amounts owing to parent company	GBP	12.5%	2029	Semi-annual	<b>1,497</b>	1,554

The senior loan is secured by a fixed charge over the whole of the property, assets and undertaking of the company, assignment of all rights to any proceeds of any insurance policies and all present and future book and other charges over all assets which have not been secured by way of a fixed charge or assignment.

The Company has entered into a swap transaction resulting in interest being charged on the senior loan at a fixed rate of 5.74% (including margin).

The amounts owing to parent company are unsecured.

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**14. Other financial liabilities**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Interest rate swap contract	<u>3,635</u>	<u>4,726</u>

**Derivative financial instruments measured at fair value**

The fair value of the interest rate swap is provided by the swap counterparty.

**15. Provisions for liabilities**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Other provisions</b>		
Lifecycle provision	<u>1,107</u>	<u>2,133</u>
	<b>Deferred tax</b>	<b>Lifecycle Provision</b>
	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	(864)	2,133
Charge to Profit and Loss Account and Other Comprehensive Income during year	199	742
Utilised during year	-	(1,768)
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u>(665)</u>	<u>1,107</u>

Lifecycle provisions represent the difference between the cumulative charge to profit and loss and the cumulative amount of cash expenditure paid to the lifecycle sub-contractor. Lifecycle expenditure is charged to profit and loss on a systematic basis, so as to give an annual charge, increasing with inflation each year, which in total equates to the total amount of the forecast lifecycle expenditure to be paid over the whole concession. The amounts and timing of these payments are defined in the sub-contract agreement.

The timing differences giving rise to deferred tax liabilities are expected to reverse over the entire remaining concession period, in line with the accounting amortisation of the finance debtor asset and the utilisation of tax losses.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax assets are attributable to the following:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2017 £'000	2016 £'000	2017 £'000	2016 £'000	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Other	(665)	(864)	-	-	(665)	(864)
Net tax assets	<u>(665)</u>	<u>(864)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(665)</u>	<u>(864)</u>

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**16. Called up share capital**

Allotted, issued and fully paid:		Nominal value:	2017	2016
Number:	Class:		£	£
37,000	Ordinary £1 (2016: £1)	£1	<u>37,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>

The company paid a dividend of £8.19 per share in the year (2016: £nil).

**17. Reserves**

	Retained earnings £'000	Other reserves £'000	Totals £'000
At 1 January 2017	70	(3,861)	(3,791)
Profit for the year	394		394
Dividends	(303)		(303)
Cashflow hedging reserve	-	891	891
At 31 December 2017	<u>161</u>	<u>(2,970)</u>	<u>(2,809)</u>

**Cash flow hedging reserve**

The cash flow hedging reserve comprises of the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred.

**18. Ultimate parent company and parent of larger group**

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of FocusEducation (Newcastle) Holdings Limited a company incorporated in England and Wales, which is wholly owned by Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Consolidated Investment Holdings Limited incorporated in England and Wales. No other group financial statements include the results of the Company. The consolidated financial statements of this group are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.