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Company name in full Classic Hospitals Limited

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### 2 Liquidator's name

Full forename(s) Nicholas James

Surname Timpson

### 3 Liquidator's address

Building name/number 10

Street Fleet Place

Post town London

County/Region

Postcode E C 4 M 7 R B

Country United Kingdom

### 4 Liquidator's name ①

Full forename(s) Howard

Surname Smith

#### ① Other liquidator

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# Joint Liquidators' progress report for the period

## 16 September 2022 to 15 September 2023

Classic Hospitals Limited –  
in Members' Voluntary Liquidation

13 November 2023

# Notice to member

This report provides an update on the liquidation of the Company.

There were no receipts or payments in the period from 16 September 2022 to 15 September 2023, nor in any prior period, as shown in Appendix 2.

A glossary of the abbreviations used throughout this document is attached as Appendix 4.

**Please also note that an important legal notice about this report is attached as Appendix 5.**

# 1 Executive summary

This report covers the period from 16 September 2022 to 15 September 2023.

Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

The Company has an intercompany receivable of £2 (see 2 – Asset Realisations), which is expected to be distributed to the Member in due course.

The Joint Liquidators are awaiting information from the Group to enable them to adjudicate the creditor claim of £469.45 received from Merchant Rentals Limited (see 3 - Creditors).

Corporation tax returns have been submitted to HMRC for all outstanding pre-liquidation periods.

Formal clearance from HMRC's ICHU in respect of corporation tax, VAT and PAYE will be requested once the outstanding PAYE issue has been resolved (see 4 – Tax).

No distributions were made to the Member during the period (see 5 – Member distributions).

The main issues preventing the final distribution to the Member and completion of the liquidation are the outstanding PAYE matter, adjudication of the creditor claim and obtaining tax clearance from ICHU.



Nick Timpson  
Joint Liquidator

## 2 Asset realisations

The only asset disclosed on the Declaration was an intercompany receivable of £2 (the '**Debt**') due from Spire Healthcare Limited ('**SHL**'), another Group company.

It is currently anticipated that the Debt will be distributed to the Member in specie by assignment prior to the conclusion of the liquidation.

### 3 Creditors

No creditors were disclosed on the Declaration.

A notice to creditors to prove their claims in the liquidation was advertised in the London Gazette on 29 September 2021 and the Metro on 7 October 2021.

The only claim received in the Company's liquidation is a claim of £469.45 from Merchant Rentals Limited. The Joint Liquidators have been liaising with the Group in this respect and are awaiting further information to enable them to adjudicate the claim.

#### Business rates

As previously reported, the Company has been receiving business rates notices in respect of Fylde Coast Hospital, Clare Park Hospital and Bath Road Surgery & Premises (the **'Properties'**). However, as SHL has been the lessee of the Properties since 2016, the Joint Liquidators have asked the relevant councils to change the name on their business rates accounts from the Company to SHL. The councils' confirmations in this respect (and that they have no claim in the liquidation) are awaited.



## **4 Tax**

### **4.1 Corporation tax**

All pre-liquidation corporation tax matters are handled by the Group who prepared and submitted all outstanding returns up to the date of the commencement of the liquidation to HMRC. There were no corporation tax liabilities disclosed.

### **4.2 Other taxes**

The Joint Liquidators arranged for the Company to be removed from the Spire Healthcare Limited VAT group with effect from the date of liquidation.

The Joint Liquidators had understood that the PAYE Scheme was closed on 15 June 2016 and there are no outstanding PAYE matters. However, HMRC has advised that there is an outstanding PAYE Class 1A NIC return for the 2016/17 tax year. The Group has confirmed that the Company was included in the Group's PAYE Settlement Agreement for the period; the Joint Liquidators are liaising further with the Group to ascertain whether any further submissions to HMRC are required in this respect.

### **4.3 HMRC clearance**

The Joint Liquidators have obtained confirmation from HMRC Large Business Corporation Tax that the Company has no outstanding corporation tax returns or liabilities and that it will not raise enquiries into any pre or post liquidation periods.

The ICHU is responsible for submitting HMRC's consolidated claim in respect of all pre-liquidation taxes (PAYE, VAT, corporation tax, etc). The ICHU normally only submits HMRC's final claim in the liquidation, or confirms that HMRC has no claim (i.e. provides formal tax clearance) once any outstanding tax returns have been submitted/agreed for the pre-liquidation period. The Joint Liquidators will therefore request formal tax clearance from the ICHU once the outstanding PAYE matter detailed above has been resolved.

## **5 Member distributions**

There were no distributions to the Member during the period.

On current information, the Joint Liquidators anticipate a distribution of the Debt will be made to the Member prior to the conclusion of the liquidation.

## 6 Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses

### Basis of remuneration

A written resolution was passed on 16 September 2021 that the remuneration of the Joint Liquidators be fixed in accordance with the Interpath engagement letter dated 10 June 2021.

### Remuneration and expenses

During the period since the last annual progress report, the Joint Liquidators' remuneration of £36,198.58 and expenses of £5,354.00 have been agreed and paid by another Group company, Spire Healthcare Finance. These fees and expenses related to the Company and 12 other Group companies also placed into members' voluntary liquidation on 16 September 2021 (the '**Companies**').

### Requests for further information

If you would like to request more information about the Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses disclosed in this report, you must do so in writing within 21 days of receiving this report.

### Right to challenge the Joint Liquidators' remuneration and expenses

If you wish to challenge the basis of the Joint Liquidators' remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred during the period covered by this report, you must do so by making an application to Court within eight weeks of receiving this report.

The full text of the relevant legislation can be provided on request by writing to Rebecca Woolston at Interpath Advisory, 5th Floor, 130 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HF, or by email at [Rebecca.Woolston@interpathadvisory.com](mailto:Rebecca.Woolston@interpathadvisory.com).

## Appendix 1      Statutory and other information

Company name	Classic Hospitals Limited	
Previous company names if applicable	N/A	
Trading names if applicable	Former trading names (until 2016) - Spire Fylde Coast Hospital; Spire Clare Park Hospital; Spire Hull & East Riding Hospital; Spire Liverpool Hospital; Spire St Saviours Hospital; Spire Elland Hospital; Spire Methley Park Hospital; Spire Regency Hospital; Spire Dunedin Hospital; Spire Southbank Hospital and Spire Yale Hospital	
Date of incorporation	7 March 2005	
Company registration number	05384616	
Registered office prior to liquidation	3 Dorset Rise, London, EC4Y 8EN	
Present registered office	10 Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RB	
Most recent principal trading address prior to liquidation	3 Dorset Rise, London, EC4Y 8EN	
Nature of business	The operation of private hospitals and the provision of private healthcare facilities until 2016	
Appointed by	The Member pursuant to Section 91 of the Insolvency Act 1986	
Date of appointment	16 September 2021	
Functions	The functions of the Joint Liquidators are being exercised by them individually or together in accordance with Section 231(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986	
Correspondence address & contact details of case manager	Ray Levy 020 3989 2800 Interpath Ltd, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 130 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HF	
Name, address & contact details of Joint Liquidators	Primary Office Holder:	Joint Office Holder:
	Nick Timpson	Howard Smith
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	020 3989 2800	020 3989 2800
	IP Number: 20610	IP Number: 9341
Change of office holder	Howard Smith replaced Steve Absolom as Joint Liquidator on 10 June 2022	

## Appendix 2      Joint Liquidators' receipts and payment account

There were no receipts or payments in the period from 16 September 2022 to 15 September 2023, nor in any prior period, as shown below:

<b>Abstract of receipts &amp; payments</b>		
Declaration of Solvency (£)	From 16/09/2022 To 15/09/23 (£)	From 16/09/2021 To 15/09/23 (£)
ASSET REALISATIONS		
2 Intercompany Debtor	NIL	NIL
	NIL	NIL
COST OF REALISATIONS		
None	NIL	NIL
	NIL	NIL
CREDITORS		
None	NIL	NIL
	NIL	NIL
DISTRIBUTIONS		
None	NIL	NIL
	NIL	NIL
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2	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## Appendix 3      Joint Liquidators' charging and expenses policy

### Joint Liquidators' charging policy

The time charged to the liquidation is by reference to the time properly given by the Joint Liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the liquidation. This includes work undertaken by in-house Interpath Advisory tax, VAT and employee specialists.

The Joint Liquidators' policy is to delegate tasks in the liquidation to appropriate members of staff considering their level of experience and requisite specialist knowledge, supervised accordingly, so as to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work performed. Matters of particular complexity or significance requiring more exceptional responsibility are dealt with by senior staff or the Joint Liquidators themselves.

Under the terms of the Interpath engagement letter dated 10 June 2021 the Joint Liquidators are paid a fixed fee of £58,000 plus VAT and expenses for the Companies' liquidations, including pre-liquidation advice in assisting the Companies' directors in preparing for the liquidations. It is only the Joint Liquidators' costs in dealing with matters which fall outside the scope of the fixed fee that are charged on a time cost basis.

### Hourly rates

The relevant charge-out rates per hour worked for the grades of the Joint Liquidators' staff actually or likely to be involved on this liquidation are set out below. Time is charged by reference to actual work carried out on the liquidation.

All staff who have worked on the liquidation have charged time directly to the liquidation. The cost of staff employed in central administration functions is not charged directly to the liquidation but is reflected in the general level of charge-out rates.

### Table of charge-out rates

Managing Director	920	985	985	1060
Director	810	910	910	980
Associate Director	710	810	810	870
Manager	565	650	650	700
Senior Administrator	415	475	475	510
Administrator	315	350	350	375
Support	157	475	165	175

The charge-out rates used by the Joint Liquidators might periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the liquidation. Any material amendments to these rates will be notified in the next statutory report.

## Appendix 4      Glossary

<b>Company</b>	Classic Hospitals Limited - in Members' Voluntary Liquidation
<b>Declaration</b>	The statutory declaration of solvency, sworn by the directors prior to the commencement of the liquidation, in accordance with Section 89 of the Insolvency Act 1986
<b>Group</b>	Spire Healthcare
<b>HMRC</b>	HM Revenue & Customs
<b>ICHU</b>	Insolvency Claims Handling Unit – a department of HMRC
<b>Interpath/Interpath Advisory</b>	Interpath Ltd
<b>Joint Liquidators</b>	Nick Timpson and Howard Smith
<b>Member</b>	Classic Hospitals Property Limited, the shareholder of the Company

## Appendix 5

### Notice: About this progress report

This progress report has been prepared by Nick Timpson and Howard Smith, the Joint Liquidators of the Company, solely to comply with their statutory duty under the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 to provide the Member with an update on the progress of the liquidation of the estate, and for no other purpose.

This report is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purpose, or in any other context including any investment decision in relation to any debt of or any financial interest in the Company. Any person that chooses to rely on this report for any purpose or in any context other than under the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 does so at their own risk. Any estimated outcomes for the Member included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcome for the Member.

Nick Timpson and Howard Smith are authorised to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

They are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics.

The appointments of the Joint Liquidators are personal to them and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Interpath does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any person in respect of this report or the conduct of the liquidation.

As officeholders, the Joint Liquidators are Data Controllers of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the appointment. For further information, please see Interpath's Privacy policy at – [www.interpathadvisory.com/privacy-insolvency](http://www.interpathadvisory.com/privacy-insolvency).



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