

Priory Group Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2004

Registered number 04433255



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to act as an intermediate holding company and to raise finance on behalf of fellow subsidiary undertakings.

Business review

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2003: £nil).

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Dr CB Patel
KJ Terry (resigned 19 February 2004)
RJ Hanson
PJ Greensmith
REJ Savage (appointed 19 February 2004)

In accordance with the articles of association, no directors retire by rotation. None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company.

The interests of the directors in the shares of Priory Healthcare Investments Limited (the ultimate parent company) are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

Directors' report *(continued)*

Auditors

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board



PJ Greensmith
Company secretary

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28 June 2005

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 year. 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, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Priory Group Limited

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, 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 financial statements. The other information comprises only the directors' report.

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 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 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 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 as at 31 December 2004 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London

28 June 2005

Profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £000	2003 £000
Administrative expenses		-	-
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Operating profit		-	-
Income from shares in group undertakings		-	63,000
Amounts written off investments		-	(16,900)
Net interest payable and similar charges	3	(16,796)	(44,615)
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(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(16,796)	1,485
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	4	5,119	8,852
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(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(11,677)	10,337
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The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year.

The historical cost retained loss and the reported retained loss are the same.

The results for the year derive from continuing activities.

Balance sheet
 at 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £000	2003 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	92,918	92,918
Current assets			
Debtors	6	51,136	41,114
Cash at bank and in hand		77	80
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		51,213	41,194
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(90)	(86)
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Net current assets			
Due within one year		16,214	10,102
Debtors due after more than one year	6	34,909	31,006
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		51,123	41,108
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/>	<hr/>
		144,041	134,026
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(162,973)	(141,281)
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Net liabilities		(18,932)	(7,255)
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	9	250	250
Share premium	10	250	250
Profit and loss account	10	(19,432)	(7,755)
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Shareholders' deficit – equity	10	(18,932)	(7,255)
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 June 2005 and were signed on its behalf by:



PJ Greensmith
 Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules. The going concern basis has been used to prepare the financial statements notwithstanding the deficiency of net assets at 31 December 2004, since the company's parent company has undertaken to provide such support as is necessary to enable the company to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

The company is exempt by virtue of section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Priory Healthcare Investments Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group.

Fixed assets

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred. Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS19.

Group relief

Payment is generally made for group relief at a rate of 30% at the time of first estimating the tax provision. To the extent that amendments are subsequently made to the group relief plan, there is generally no payment or receipt in respect of the change.

2 Auditors and directors' remuneration

The remuneration of the auditors in the year and the prior period was borne by another group undertaking.

The directors received no emoluments for services to the company during the year (2003: £nil).

The company had no employees during the year (2003: nil).

Notes (continued)

3 Net interest payable and similar charges

	2004 £000	2003 £000
<i>Interest payable and similar charges</i>		
On bank loans and overdrafts	-	9,280
Inter-company interest payable	20,719	18,123
Amortisation of issue costs	-	4,037
Reverse premium on novation of swap	-	14,513
	20,719	45,953
<i>Interest receivable and similar income</i>		
Inter-company interest receivable	(3,923)	(1,338)
	16,796	44,615
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4 Taxation

	2004 £000	2003 £000
Corporation tax credit on result for the year	(5,351)	(8,264)
Adjustment relating to prior year	232	(588)
	(5,119)	(8,852)
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The tax credit of £5,351,000 in the year (2003: £8,264,000) is to be surrendered to other group companies in exchange for payment of the same amount.

The standard rate of tax for the year, based on the UK standard rate of corporation tax is 30% (2003: 30%). The actual tax charge for the year is above the standard rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

	2004 £000	2003 £000
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(16,796)	1,485
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities at standard rate	(5,039)	445
<i>Factors affecting charge for the year</i>		
Income from shares in group undertakings	-	(18,900)
Losses on non-qualifying assets	-	5,070
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	4,354
Other timing differences	(312)	-
Tax losses not recognised	-	767
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior years	232	(588)
	(5,119)	(8,852)
Total actual amount of current tax	(5,119)	(8,852)

Notes (continued)

4 Taxation (continued)

No provision has been made for a deferred tax asset of £2,744,000 (2003: £767,000) in respect of tax losses due to there being insufficient current year group taxable profits available to utilise those losses. The recoverability of the tax losses in future years is dependent on the future profitability of the company.

5 Fixed asset investments

	Total
	£000
Shares in group undertakings	
Cost	
At beginning and end of the year	92,918
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Provisions	
At beginning and end of the year	-
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Net book value	
At 31 December 2004	92,918
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At 31 December 2003	92,918
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Notes (continued)

5 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The principal undertakings in which the company's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows:

	Principal activities	Class and percentage of share held
Subsidiary undertakings		
Priory Securitisation Holdings Limited *	Intermediate holding company	100% ordinary
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Priory Healthcare Limited	Psychiatric and other specialist healthcare Services	100% ordinary
Priory Education Services Limited	Specialist schools for children with behavioural difficulties	100% ordinary
Farleigh Schools Limited	Specialist school for children with Asperger Syndrome	100% ordinary
North Hill House Limited	Specialist school for children with Asperger Syndrome	100% ordinary
Eastwood Grange Limited	Specialist school for children with behavioural difficulties	100% ordinary
Chelfham Senior School Limited	Specialist school for children with behavioural difficulties	100% ordinary
Rosendale School Limited	Specialist school for children with behavioural difficulties	100% ordinary
Autism (GB) Limited	Specialist school for children with Autism	100% ordinary
Solutions (Ross) Limited	Juvenile residential homes	100% ordinary
Priory Services for Young People (IOM) Limited	Non-trading	100% ordinary
Priory Rehabilitation Services Limited	Brain injury rehabilitation services	100% ordinary
Blenheim Healthcare Limited	Forensic psychiatric services	100% ordinary
Priory Central Services Limited	Management services	100% ordinary
Priory Finance Company Limited	Financing company	100% ordinary
The Nottingham Clinic Limited	Development company	100% ordinary
Highbank Private Hospital Limited	Development company	100% ordinary

* interests held directly by the company.

All subsidiary and associated undertakings are registered in England and Wales with the following exceptions:

Priory Finance Company Limited	registered in Cayman Islands
Priory Services for Young People (IOM) Limited	registered in the Isle of Man

Notes (continued)

6 Debtors

	2004 £000	2003 £000
<i>Due within one year</i>		
Amounts due from group undertakings	10,876	164
Group relief recoverable	5,351	9,944
	16,227	10,108
<i>Due after more than one year</i>		
12% Sub-ordinated loans owed by subsidiary undertakings	34,909	31,006
	51,136	41,114

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2004 £000	2003 £000
Amounts due to group undertakings	90	22
Accruals and deferred income	-	64
	90	86
	90	86

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2004 £000	2003 £000
Discounted unsecured loan stock 2012 issued at 25.567% owed to Immediate parent undertaking	81,551	141,281
Amounts due to group undertakings	81,422	-
	162,973	141,281
	162,973	141,281

9 Called up share capital

	2004 £000	2003 £000
<i>Authorised</i>		
232,000,000 (2003: 232,000,000) ordinary shares of 50 pence each	116,000	116,000
	116,000	116,000
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
500,000 (2003: 500,000) ordinary shares of 50 pence each	250	250
	250	250

Notes *(continued)*

10 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	Share capital £000	Share premium £000	Profit and loss account £000	2004 Total £000	2003 Total £000
At beginning of the year	250	250	(7,755)	(7,255)	(17,592)
Retained (loss)/profit for the year	-	-	(11,677)	(11,677)	10,337
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At end of the year	250	250	(19,432)	(18,932)	(7,255)
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11 Ultimate parent company

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Priory Healthcare Finance Co Limited, which is incorporated in England.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Priory Healthcare Investments Limited. No other group accounts include the results of the company.