Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holding Ltd

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026 (18-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD)

For information and assurance

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Executive summary:

The paper summaries the audited annual accounts for the 18 months ending 31 March 2026.

Recommendation(s):

The shareholder is asked to note the contents of this report and accounts as the shareholder representatives.

Reason for Recommendation(s):

The committee has responsibility for overseeing the performance and governance of Care Dorset and the receipt and acknowledgement of the annual accounts by the shareholder enables review of the Care Dorsets financial health as of 31 March 2026.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

1. Care Dorset made a small profit of £40,592 on revenue of £48,795,217. Gross profit has increased from 14% to 14.5% of turnover – reflecting improved control over direct cost base.
2. Most of our revenue comes from Dorset Council to fund our block contract and our registered reablement services from the Better Care Fund via Dorset Council. Other

revenues accounted for 6.7% of total revenue and as such we are significantly within the Teckal procurement threshold of 80% of revenues coming from the entity’s owner authority.

3. During the 18 month we opened our extra care service in Gillingham and our new supported living service in Weymouth.

4. Care Dorsets most significant cost is pay, £36,169,961. Care Dorset employed 812 colleagues, of which 777 were in our service operation, 29 in management/Administration and 6 Company Directors.

5. The reliance on agency staff continued to reduce and we are reporting a 22% reduction on the previous reporting period.

6. The next most significant cost to Care Dorset is property and equipment costs, with property rent totalling £2,642,014, of which £2,296,479 relates to rent for Dorset Council Property and bought back services from Dorset Council of around £1,183,681.

7. As of 31 March 2026, Care Dorset Holding Ltd had cash in the bank of £2.4 million. Debtors were £1.5million. Creditors were £3.4 million, the most significant of which £974k were Dorset Council utilities which were billed at year end and property rent outstanding of £775k.

8. Care Dorset continued to make good progress during the year. The reported small profit of £40k, reflects management of the National Insurance cost pressure increase for 12 months of the reporting period, £500k of efficiency savings returned to Dorset Council and ongoing cost control measures.

APPENDICES

9. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March as submitted to Companies House.