

PRESS INFORMATION**FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION 2 NOVEMBER 2011****LAING'S DIRECTORY OF LONG TERM CARE PROVIDERS 2011 - OUT NOW**

In the biggest shake up of the country's major long term care providers for well over a decade, the reassignment of care facilities formerly run by Southern Cross Healthcare has led to considerable changes among independent companies working in this sector.

These changes - and many more - are now reflected in the latest edition of healthcare intelligence provider **Laing & Buisson's** directory of major long term care providers, making it the most up to date listings of long term healthcare facilities available.

Based upon the company's most recent survey of companies with three or more care homes and a comprehensive investigation into the transfers of Southern Cross homes to alternative providers, *Laing's Directories Long Term Care Providers 2011* offers the user the most up-to-date and comprehensive picture of corporate care home holdings across the UK. Produced in association with monthly social care newsletter *Community Care Market news*, the 2011 edition includes a top 20 of providers working in both the older people and disabled care sector and those operating in the learning disability and mentally illness sector. The publication includes summaries of all providers and a break down of their portfolios in terms of homes/beds owned and managed.

Commenting on the directory, **Laing & Buisson** creative director Justin Merritt said:

'The Southern Cross scramble has seen a considerable reshaping of the UK's long term care league with a number of providers shooting up the table -in some cases those who have picked up those facilities bumping some well known companies down a peg or two. I'll be closely watching how well new operator HC-One does in this changed environment and indeed how operators look to build their portfolios in the light of the problems suffered at Southern Cross.'

The 2011 edition of *Laing's Directories Long Term Care Providers* includes details of over 400 for-profit providers operating in the older or physically disabled people market - which between them own, lease or manage over 4,500 homes with over 215,000 registered beds. A further 110 not-for-profit providers are also profiled, adding in a further 1,500 homes for older or physically disabled people with over 54,250 registered beds.

Looking at the learning disabled and mental health market, the directory includes details of 216 for-profit providers which between them own, lease or manage over 2,500 homes with more than 25,000 registered beds. There are also 205 not-for-profit providers which between them own, lease or manage 3,747 homes for learning disabled or mentally ill people with over 28,400 registered beds

Detailed listings for providers include:

Name, address, contact name, telephone & fax numbers, email & website addresses for corporate offices; Registered company number or charity number; Category of provider (e.g. UK publicly quoted company, private company, non-profit organisation); Total homes/beds owned or leased and managed

Summaries of many elderly care providers also incorporates company histories, acquisitions and developments as reported on in *Community Care Market news*.

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The new top twenty of long term care providers operating in the UK:

OPERATOR	CARE HOMES	CARE HOME BEDS
Four Seasons Health Care	490	24,478
Bupa Care Homes (CFG) plc	305	21,868
HC-One Ltd	248	13,142
Barchester Healthcare Ltd	203	11,898
Care UK	104	5,367
Methodist Homes (MHA)	95	4,660
Priory Group	207	4,432
Anchor Trust	96	4,308
European Care Group	93	4,085
Orchard Care Homes	74	3,969
Minster Care Group	112	3,879
Bondcare Group	72	3,737
Caring Homes Group	125	3,467
Orders of St John Care Trust	75	3,446
Maria Mallaband Care Group Ltd	77	3,332
Runwood Group Ltd	40	2,691
Sunrise Senior Living	29	2,461
Life Style Care	34	2,372
Sanctuary Care Ltd	57	2,356
Abbeyfield Society Ltd	79	2,271

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Founded by William Laing in 1986, Laing & Buisson is the UK's leading provider of information and market intelligence on the independent health, community care and childcare sectors.

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Market Reports & Annual Directories: Laing & Buisson publishes a series of special market reports and directories on the health and community care sectors. The research and conclusions within the reports are frequently cited in parliamentary questions and answers, official documents and company prospectuses, and are regularly drawn upon by the national media.

Events: In addition to one-off conferences on subjects selected for their special interest or topicality, Laing & Buisson's annual programme features a series of conferences on specific areas including long term care for the older people, learning disabilities and mental health, acute healthcare, insurance and children's nurseries. The Independent Healthcare Forum consists of two major conferences: the acute healthcare conference and the mental health conference and a workshop for private patient units. The Independent Specialist Care Awards and the Independent Healthcare Awards take place in March and September, highlighting the range of achievements and recognising best practice within the sectors.

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