



Simplyhealth Group Limited
& Simplyhealth Access

Solvency and Financial Condition Report

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Executive Summary

At Simplyhealth we're all together healthier

We exist to improve access to healthcare for our millions of customers supporting over 3million customers in the last year.

Our health plans support them, their families and their businesses with their everyday health concerns; as we believe that no one should go without the healthcare support they need.

For nearly 150 years we've been making it easy, for the many for the long term. Whether that's providing fast access to GP appointments, cover for routine prescription and healthcare costs, or vital access to counselling support. Our customers' wellbeing is our reason for being.

Our Denplan dental plans make dental treatment easy to afford for patients, it allows Denplan dentists to offer their patients a monthly payment schedule that covers a range of treatments, such as check-ups, x-rays and hygienist visits.

But more than that, we're also supporting the health of the nation. In order to fulfil our Purpose and improve access to healthcare for more people, in October 2020 we relaunched our brand, with a new awareness campaign. The campaign focused on the power of people coming together as a community – to make great things happen.

SimplyMe, our health and wellbeing app that is free to everyone, allows users to track their physical and emotional health, while nudging them to make improvements to support their long term health. As of December 2020, there were more than 8,000 registered users signed up for the SimplyMe app.

Community is at the heart of everything we do. It's a philosophy we have always believed in and is why we donate a proportion of our profits every year to good causes. The pandemic has shown how much more we need to do to improve the nation's health as it has exposed vast inequalities in people's ability and opportunity to live happier, healthier lives. So, we are doubling our effort to help even more people, from every walk of life, improve their health.

Our business in 2020

Since 1872, we've continually evolved our business, responding to changing market opportunities and the needs of our customers and their communities, with a core belief at the heart, which is that no-one should go without the healthcare support they need.

In August 2020, we announced our plan to sell our pet health business to focus solely on everyday human healthcare where we can truly make the biggest difference. The deal was completed on 12 October 2020 and the migration of the business commenced through a transition agreement. The transition plan is on track and at year end, 10% of the independent Veterinary plan members had been successfully migrated onto the PVG platform. The remaining plans are expected to be migrated by the end of April 2021. Further information about the sale can be found in note 13 of the financial statements.

We are confident that our business, focused solely on human health will be stronger. We will continue to evolve, innovate and invest to find new ways to meet the needs of our customers and deliver better health outcomes for more people.

The year everyday life changed

The COVID-19 pandemic has sped up the digitalisation of healthcare, boosted innovation and prompted a re-engineering of our relationship with health as well as the value we place on it.

As a nation, we're facing serious health challenges. We face a mental health crisis, an ageing population and rising avoidable disease. Protecting our NHS and each other has never been more important than it is today and we know that Simplyhealth has an important role to play in addressing the challenges across the health spectrum, as well shaping improved health behaviours through the use of technology data and partnerships.

In 2020 we have continued to provide access to healthcare for the many. We have used technology, data and our partnerships to make accessing healthcare easier for our customers.

The new way of working and serving our customers

We were determined to keep our colleagues safe and well, and to ensure they could provide the support our customers would need. As soon as COVID-19 took hold, we began to mobilise our organisation to work from home. In just ten days, over 98% of our workforce was working remotely, allow us to continue to service our customers when they needed us.

We have provided practical support for all colleagues to safeguard their wellbeing and ensure appropriate homeworking conditions. In April we offered a kit allowance of up to £200 per person to pay for equipment to improve their home working environment. We provided further support to colleagues with home broadband issues allowing them to upgrade and our IT team were on hand to help improve their connections. Over winter months, we gave every person a winter working allowance to cover the extra home costs of heating and lighting.

We have always been passionate about making sure our colleagues know we are here to support their mental and physical wellbeing. Since colleagues were setup for home working, we had to rethink our entire health and wellbeing plan for the year. In March, we launched a new email publication titled "Wellbeing Weekly". It provided information, support and tools for colleagues around our four pillars of wellbeing: mental, physical, social and financial. Every week around 75% of our colleagues enjoy the read and contribute topics to help each other. In September 2020 we launched our brand new Health and Wellbeing programme – ENERGISE YOU. With this significant investment we're taking a longer term view of supporting our colleagues' personal health and wellbeing. The programme runs until May 2021 and feedback from our colleagues has been positive.

Having shifted our ways of working so dramatically over the year, we are now taking steps to reimagine the future of work – to shape a way forward that is unique to us and meets our changing business needs.

Support our customers and partners through uncertain times

We have always been clear that our customers' health and wellbeing is at the heart of our Purpose. And when health issues or worries threaten to slow people down, we're here to give fast access to the healthcare they need. Because we believe prevention is better than cure, we continue to create quick and easy ways for our customers to live healthier while helping them to navigate the ever-changing health landscape.

As soon as lockdown was announced we started to proactively reach out to customers who we knew were vulnerable, offering our support, and sometimes just a friendly voice to talk to. In addition, we offered customers who are facing financial hardship the option to 'pause their premiums' for a period of three months.

With many healthcare providers closed during the UK's first lockdown we worked quickly to deliver a brand new, digital-only, entry level consumer proposition. At just £7.50 per month, the updated Simplyhealth Plan: Level 1 provides non-corporate customers with access to essential healthcare, from the comfort of their own home via our bespoke Simplyhealth app.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every aspect of life in the UK, we saw a huge knock on impact in many medical services, not least for our community of 6,500 Denplan dentists. With patients not able visit their dentist for routine appointments, many of our practices saw their income levels falling dramatically. We focused on offering a range of financial support measures, including reduced admin fees, special loans for dentists who are facing financial hardship and giving Denplan patients the option to pause their payments up to three months. In addition, we recognised how difficult many people are finding the current situation, we offered free health and wellbeing support to dentists and their teams. Finally, we also gave our dentists advice and guidance via our Coronavirus Support Hub and a series of free webinars.

Recognising that access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was difficult for all healthcare providers, and wanting our Denplan member dentists to be able to reopen safely, in May we announced that we were making an unprecedented investment of £2 million in our Denplan business to support the dentists to get the right PPE at the right time, and ensure their many patients get the treatment they need. Nearly 3,000 dental practices took up our offer of PPE and we have had some wonderful feedback.

Standing for a healthier world

We're constantly looking inside our organisation to ensure that every working day, every decision , and every action – big or small – not only helps improve the health of our company, customers and communities, but also the health of everyone and everything we hold dear.

We have ambitious sustainability and responsibility goals; but we also always want to challenge ourselves to do more, because settling for what's good enough, is simply not good enough in our eyes.

We have recently taken the opportunity to re-brand Simplythrive (our sustainability framework) as 'All Together Healthier' aligning our existing goals together under four new headings:

1. Healthy changes start here
2. Healthier inside and out
3. Happier and healthier customers
4. From neighbours to the whole nation

Section A: Business and performance

Simplyhealth Group Limited ("the Company") is a private company that is limited by guarantee. The Simplyhealth Group (the Company together with its consolidated subsidiaries, "the Group" or "SHG") reported a profit before tax for the year of £23.7m (2019: loss £9.9m), a favourable variance of £33.6m.

The key contributor to this variance was the favourable impact on claims incurred where, in our plan for 2020, we would have expected claims to be £151.0m but in 2020 they were down to £115.9m, a difference of £35.1m. The effect of COVID-19 impacted on these results as access to healthcare was restricted. Other significant variances arose through:

Technical account operating expenses - £5.3m favourable
Investment return - £4.1m adverse
Share of losses/profits in Joint Ventures - £2.1m adverse
Impairment of investments - £4.3m adverse
Impairment of goodwill - £1.0m adverse
Profit on disposal of subsidiary - £2.7m favourable

Simplyhealth Access (“SHA”), a regulated insurer of medical expenses within the Group, reported a profit before tax for the year of £34.0m (2019: loss £9.0m). There were no material changes in the types of business written over the reporting period. The variance year on year on profit for the insurer of £43.0m principally reflects the favourable impact of £35.1m noted above on claims incurred, with other significant variances arising through the favourable effect of reductions of £8.9m in technical account operating expenses offset by reductions in investment returns of £3.2m.

Section B: System of governance

The Board of Directors (“the Board”) is collectively responsible for ensuring Simplyhealth is successful for the benefit of its stakeholders, setting the strategic direction, providing entrepreneurial leadership and overseeing the effective management of key risks faced by the business.

To assist the Board in carrying out its duties, the Board delegates some of these responsibilities, although not accountability, to a number of Board Committees and to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Group adopts the ‘Three Lines of Defence’ operating model for defining risk management accountability within roles and responsibilities. This operating model supports strong alignment between risk management, accountability, decision-making and reward.

Simplyhealth has an effective system of governance in place which provides for the sound and prudent management of the business. The system of governance has not changed materially over the reporting period.

Section C: Risk profile

The Board acknowledges that the Group needs to take risks to successfully deliver the strategy. Delivering on business objectives and seizing commercial opportunities requires putting capital at risk in a responsible and structured manner.

Monitoring and responding to changes in the risk profile is integral to managing the business’ performance. The identification of risk is carried out on an ongoing basis and is embedded in the business planning process as well as in considering and delivering major business initiatives. This is supported by a number of processes that run throughout the year which are designed to identify and evaluate risks on a formalised and structured basis.

The Solvency Capital Requirement (“SCR”) and ORSA processes are used to assess the significant risks facing the Group, and the solvency capital required to cover those risks. Simplyhealth’s material exposures are underwriting, market and operational risk. While the aggregate level of risk exposures have not changed over the reporting period, there have been underlying changes in our risk profile as a result of COVID-19. For instance, we recognise that the transition to full homeworking introduces increased risks relating to the oversight of employees, employee health and wellbeing and the reliance on technology solutions, such as Microsoft Teams; the volatility of our claims experience has increased as a result of changes in consumer behaviour through this pandemic, which increases underwriting risk in terms of pricing, as well as capital modelling. There is also the possibility of a claims surge when restrictions are lifted, which is driving us to prudently manage our reserves and think carefully around our approach to the return of any unintended profits made through unmade claims to reduce the risk of being subject to future financial shocks.

Section D: Valuation for solvency purposes

Under Solvency II, assets and liabilities are valued on a market-consistent basis. The principle underlying the solvency valuation is the amount for which they could be exchanged, transferred or settled by knowledgeable and willing third parties in an arm's length transaction.

The table below summarises the material differences between the Solvency II and UK GAAP valuations:

	SHG		SHA	
	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m
UK GAAP: Equity per audited financial statements	251.3	235.8	205.0	178.9
Inadmissible asset: Goodwill and intangible assets	(12.8)	(28.2)	0.0	(0.8)
Inadmissible asset: Deferred acquisition costs	(0.9)	(0.8)	(3.1)	(2.9)
Adjust technical provisions to Solvency II basis	15.6	13.3	16.1	11.7
Deferred tax valuation adjustments	(2.8)	(2.1)	(2.4)	(1.5)
Investment valuation adjustments	(3.7)	(6.9)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Other asset valuation adjustments	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvency II: Excess of assets over liabilities	245.5	211.1	215.5	185.3

Section E: Capital management

The Group manages its capital on both economic and regulatory bases to ensure it has sufficient funds to meet its business objectives, the promises made to policyholders and regulatory requirements.

Simplyhealth has used the Standard Formula method, as prescribed by the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority ("EIOPA"), to calculate the SCR without undertaking-specific parameters or simplifications. Simplyhealth maintained unrestricted tier 1 own funds well in excess of the SCR throughout the reporting period, with strong growth in own funds driven by statutory profits.

	SHG		SHA	
	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m
Solvency II eligible own funds	245.5	211.1	215.5	185.3
Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR)	48.3	47.9	45.9	46.9
Solvency II SCR Coverage Ratio	508%	441%	469%	395%

Looking beyond 2021

We are an organisation with a clear purpose, improving healthcare for the many for the long term. We exist to serve our customers, look after our colleagues and attend our communities.

Having shifted our ways of working so dramatically over the year, we are now taking steps to reimagine the future of work – to shape a way forward that is unique to us and meets our changing business needs.

Over the next 12 months and beyond we'll continue to explore ways to establish a different, more agile way of working for the longer term.

This will include the following:

- A hybrid approach to working location with significantly more homeworking
- Collaboration space in our office for larger inductions, training, team meetings and for safe face-to-face contact as and when needed
- An environment which allows colleagues in the office to connect and collaborate with those working from home
- Continued investment in Microsoft Teams, Office 365 and other virtual collaboration tools to support improved home working
- Increased opportunity for ad hoc office working through bookable desks

Looking into the future, we continue to see the impact of Brexit on the wider economy and the economic and social consequences of the pandemic are highly dependent on the vaccine programme. However, the current environment does present opportunities for Simplyhealth due to an increased focus on the importance of health and wellbeing across our target markets. We are committed to continue to accelerate the delivery of innovative product and services, creating opportunities for growth.

For nearly eight years our CEO Romana Abdin has led us providing healthcare to our customers. However, Romana stood down at the beginning of April 2021 to be replaced by Dr Sneh Khemka. Dr Sneh has built successful public health business around the globe, worked at Bupa, is a member of the World Economic Forum's future health committee and was a general and ophthalmic surgeon before going into business. He is therefore ideally placed to support the delivery of the next phase of our strategy and transformation plan.

Going concern

The strength of our reserves and solvency II ratio of 508.0% (2019: 440.9%) is a clear indicator of a strong, sustainable business in which people can trust to be around to support them with their healthcare needs for the long term. Capital headroom increased by £33.9m (2019: £4.7m), reflecting the statutory result. Our solvency capital surplus gives us the capacity to invest for growth and to deliver our strategy, as well as being able to absorb market shocks and other stresses, which are tested through our ORSA.

Our ORSA demonstrates a robust capital strength allowing us to absorb substantial shocks and still retain significant headroom above our capital holding requirement. We have tested our solvency with a number of scenarios including large membership lapses, financial market shocks, and various levels of economic downturn including claim risks resulting from the pandemic. In all these scenarios our solvency position remains secure.

The Group remains in a strong solvency position at the end of the year with Eligible Own Funds of £245.5m (2019: £211.1m) compared to its Solvency Capital Requirement ('SCR') of £48.3m (2019: £47.9m), giving a solvency ratio of 508.0% (2019: 440.9%).

Capital headroom of £177.9m (2019: £144.0m) represents the capital surplus above our regulatory capital requirements, adjusted for the Group's risk appetite. The risk appetite has been agreed with the Board of Directors and includes a capital buffer in excess of the higher of the SCR and the Group's ORSA estimate of capital requirement.

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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 Total £m	2019 Total £m
TECHNICAL ACCOUNT		
Total technical income	210.9	212.3
Total claims incurred	(115.9)	(154.3)
Net operating expenses	(53.1)	(58.4)
Balance on the general business technical account	41.9	(0.4)
NON-TECHNICAL ACCOUNT		
Investment returns:		
Income from investments	3.0	2.9
(Losses)/gains on realisation of investments	(1.2)	5.9
Unrealised gains on investments	2.9	0.3
Investment charges and expenses	(0.5)	(0.8)
Other income and charges:		
Other income	28.6	30.2
Other charges	(32.8)	(34.5)
Share of (loss)/profit in joint ventures	(1.4)	0.7
Impairment of investments	(4.3)	0.0
Impairment of goodwill	(1.0)	0.0
Profit on disposal of operations	2.7	0.0
Revaluation loss on buildings	(0.2)	(0.5)
Reversal of impairment of land and buildings	0.1	0.1
Donations	(1.0)	(0.8)
Amortisation of goodwill and other intangibles	(13.1)	(13.0)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	23.7	(9.9)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(8.2)	(0.5)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	15.5	(10.4)
Valuation gain taken to revaluation reserve	-	0.6
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year	15.5	(9.8)

Simplyhealth Access

Statement of comprehensive income

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	Total	Total
	£m	£m
TECHNICAL ACCOUNT		
Total technical income	210.9	212.3
Total claims incurred	(115.9)	(154.3)
Net operating expenses	(65.8)	(74.7)
Balance on the general business technical account	29.2	(16.7)
NON-TECHNICAL ACCOUNT		
Investment returns:		
Income from investments	2.9	2.7
Gains/(losses) on realisation of investments	(1.2)	5.9
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	3.7	0.3
Investment charges and expenses	(0.5)	(0.8)
Other income and charges:		
Revaluation loss on buildings	(0.2)	(0.5)
Reversal of impairment of land and buildings	0.1	0.1
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	34.0	(9.0)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(7.9)	1.9
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	26.1	(7.1)
Valuation gain taken to revaluation reserve	-	0.6
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year	26.1	(6.5)

A. Business and Performance

A.1 Business

A.1.1 Registered office, regulators and external auditors

Simplyhealth has prepared a single Solvency and Financial Condition report (“SFCR”) in accordance with waiver 2919907 granted by the Prudential Regulation Authority (“PRA”) on 16 November 2016. The single SFCR comprises information on the Group as a whole and information on the wholly owned regulated insurance undertaking within the Group, Simplyhealth Access.

Ultimate parent undertaking:	Simplyhealth Group Limited
Regulated insurance undertaking:	Simplyhealth Access
Registered office:	Hambleden House Waterloo Court Andover Hampshire SP10 1LQ
Independent external auditor:	Deloitte LLP 1 New Street Square London EC4A 3HQ
Regulators:	<p>The PRA regulates the Group’s activities related to the provision of non-life insurance products:</p> <p>Prudential Regulation Authority Bank of England 20 Moorgate London EC2R 6DA</p> <p>The Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”) regulates the Group’s activities related to the provision of non-life insurance products, as well as credit and credit related activities to individuals and client companies:</p> <p>Financial Conduct Authority 12 Endeavour Square London E20 1JN</p>

A.1.2 Introduction to key undertakings within the Group

Simplyhealth Group Limited

Simplyhealth Group Limited is a private company that is limited by guarantee. It is the ultimate parent undertaking of a number of subsidiary undertakings. All investments are held either directly by Simplyhealth Group Limited or through 100% controlled subsidiaries.

The Simplyhealth Group is comprised of two principal trading companies: Simplyhealth Access and Denplan Limited. All group companies are supported by a Group management services company, Simplyhealth People Limited who employ all staff within the Group. The Group is based entirely within the United Kingdom with its principal offices in Andover.

Simplyhealth Access

Simplyhealth Access is a private unlimited company with share capital. It is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA to conduct non-life insurance business in the UK. All of the share capital issued by Simplyhealth Access is owned by its immediate parents, Simplyhealth Holdings Limited and Simplyhealth Nominees Limited.

Simplyhealth Access operates as a regulated insurer of medical expenses, offering access to a range of health plans for both individuals and corporate customers. It is the UK's leading health cash plan provider, helping policyholders gain access to everyday healthcare. Key benefit categories within the products include services from dentists, opticians, physiotherapists and chiropractors.

Denplan Limited

Denplan Limited ("Denplan") develops, sells, and administers healthcare payment plans which are sold by dentists to their patients. Denplan also distributes dental insurance products underwritten by Simplyhealth Access to corporate clients and their employees. Denplan is the UK's leading provider of dental plans, and enables customers to budget for preventative dental care, helping to keep teeth and gums healthy and to prevent problems in the future.

Denplan, through its wholly owned subsidiary Simplyhealth Partnerships Limited, also invests in dental practices by taking 50% interests in joint venture partnerships. There are now two wholly owned dental practices due to principal dentists exiting the partnerships. These are owned by Simplyhealth Partnerships Limited. We have decided to take a strategic pause as we consider the future of this model.

Simplyhealth People Limited

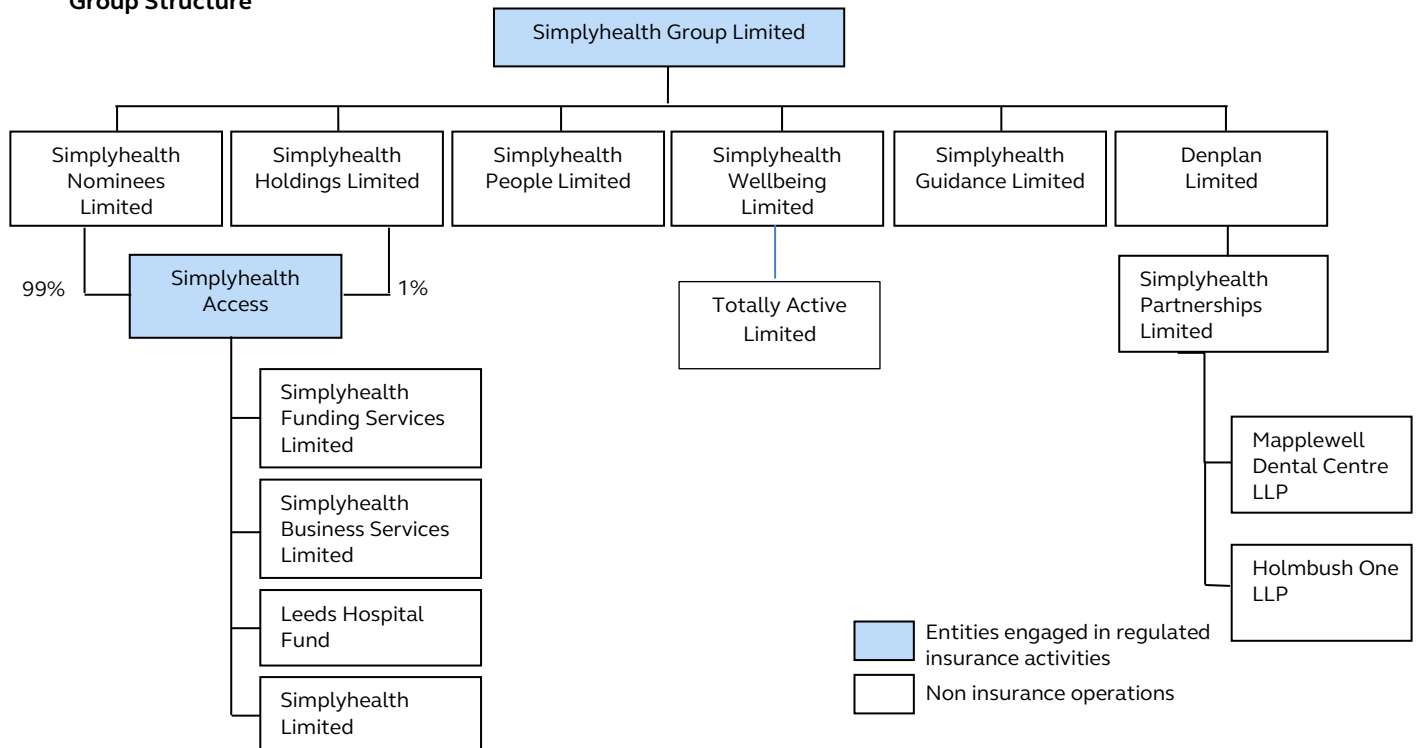
Simplyhealth People Limited employ all of the staff within the Simplyhealth Group and deliver management and administration services to all Group companies.

A.1.3 Legal Structure

Scope of the Group

There are no differences between the scope of the Group used within the consolidated financial statements and the scope of the Group for consolidated data in calculating group solvency in accordance with Article 335 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 ("Delegated Regulation").

Group Structure



Undertakings within the Group (all entities are incorporated in England and Wales)

Trading entities:

Undertakings within the Group (all entities are incorporated in England and Wales)	Company registration number	Principal activity
Simplyhealth Group Limited	05445654	Ultimate parent undertaking
Denplan Limited	01981238	Provision of dental scheme administration
Simplyhealth Access	00183035	Provision of insurance services
Simplyhealth Funding Services Limited	03681199	Arrangement of loans to dental practices
Simplyhealth Guidance Limited	10476781	Provision of health related non-insurance services
Simplyhealth Partnerships Limited	09514902	Provision of investment in joint ventures in dental practices
Simplyhealth People Limited	05551895	Provision of people for Group activities
Mapplewell Dental Centre LLP	OC411432	Provision of dental treatment and services
Holmbush One LLP	OC413690	Provision of dental treatment and services

Non-trading entities:

Leeds Hospital Fund	00064929	Dormant
Simplyhealth Business Services Limited	09523886	Dormant
Simplyhealth Holdings Limited	05603119	Investment holding company
Simplyhealth Limited	09514902	Dormant
Simplyhealth Nominees Limited	05603124	Investment holding company
Simplyhealth Wellbeing Limited	05432144	Dormant

Entities sold or dissolved in 2020/2021:

Care and Mobility (Midlands) Limited	05156683	Previously dormant, dissolved in December 2020
Care and Mobility UK Limited	05207914	Previously dormant, dissolved in December 2020
Totally Active Limited	04932453	Previously dormant, dissolved in January 2021
The Animal Healthcare Ltd	03302348	Sold in October 2020

Employees

The average number of employees during the year across the Group was 987 (2019: 1,143) of which 687 (2019: 571) worked in Operations, 300 (2019: 572) worked in Finance and other administrative services.

A.1.4 Significant events during the reporting period

The following significant events took place during 2020:

- An unprecedented £1.8m investment in our member dentist to purchase essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The scheme provides our member dentists the assurance that they will get the right PPE at the right time to help them get safely back to work and ensure their patients get the treatments they need.
- We launched our brand in October 2020 which focused on the power of people coming together as a community to make great things happen. 18.6m people saw our television advertising. On the back of the campaign, we also launched our free health and wellbeing app, SimplyMe, for the nation.
- In August 2020 we announced the divestment of our Vets business to Premier Veterinary Group Plc (PVG) to enable us to focus solely on human health and it is now excluded from continuing activities of the business. The deal was completed on 12 October 2020 and the migration of the business commenced through a transition agreement which is expected to be complete by April 2021.
- In 2020 the number of Dental practice investments remained at 11 as we decided to take a strategic pause and to consider the future of this model. During this time two of the JVs became 100% owned by Simplyhealth Partnerships due to the partners exercising their options to sell their stake to us. These practices are now treated as subsidiaries of the Group.
- During the first lockdown in 2020, we have seen claim levels suppressed due to restricted access to healthcare and changes in consumer behaviour. As a result some unintended profit arose from the reduction in claims. The Board has agreed to take a prudent two year view, noting that there is a significant risk of a peak, both in terms of claims volume and value as restrictions release, and to focus on rebalancing the value equation for our customers. Our principles relating to surplus profits can be found in our Annual Report in the Chief Financial Officer's Report section.

A.2 Underwriting Performance

A.2.1 Underwriting performance on continuing operations

All premiums are generated through medical expense insurance activity within the UK, with the exception of £1.6m (2019: £1.6m) where the risk falls predominantly in Gibraltar and the Channel Islands. On the basis of materiality, geographical segmental reporting has not been prepared.

	SHG		SHA	
	2020 £m	2019 £m	2020 £m	2019 £m
Total technical income	210.9	212.3	210.9	212.3
Total claims incurred	(115.9)	(154.3)	(115.9)	(154.3)
Gross margin	95.0	58.0	95.0	58.0
Net operating expenses	(53.1)	(58.4)	(65.8)	(74.7)
Underwriting performance	41.9	(0.4)	29.2	(16.7)
Claims Loss Ratio ("CLR")	55.0%	72.7%	55.0%	72.7%

Gross margin increased by £37.0m to £95.0m (2019: £58.0m) with claims incurred significantly reduced on 2019 as access to healthcare was severely restricted as a result of COVID-19, either during full lockdown or through restricted treatments under COVID-19 secure arrangements. Income however remained relatively stable.

Simplyhealth Access net operating expenses exceed those of the Group as Simplyhealth Access incurs costs in relation to services provided by other Group companies which are eliminated on consolidation.

A.3 Investment Performance

A.3.1 Investment portfolio

Simplyhealth's investment portfolio during the course of the year in relation to other financial investments principally comprised the Core Fixed Income Fund:

Core Fixed Income Fund ("CFIF")

This is a dedicated Simplyhealth fund with the investment objective of capital preservation over investment return. Investments include government and corporate bonds and fixed income securities, together with derivatives that are used to hedge or facilitate efficient portfolio management. The CFIF's exposure to foreign currencies is continually managed under a rolling hedge strategy which utilises forward foreign exchange contracts. This fund is managed by Schroder Investment Management Limited on behalf of Simplyhealth.

A.3.2 Investment performance during the year

Investment returns (net of investment management fees) of £4.2m were generated by the Group compared to returns of £8.3m in 2019, reflecting an adverse variance of £4.1m year on year.

The Group re-positioned the investment portfolio in 2019 to reduce risk and sold its Multi-Asset Funds realising net profits of £5.0m which is the largest individual variance year on year. The movement in derivative positions reported losses of £1.8m in the year compared to equivalent losses in 2019, an adverse variance in performance of £3.6m. This was offset by favourable variances of £4.3m year on year arising through debt instruments where income of £6.4m in 2020 compared to income of £2.1m in 2019.

All gains or losses on financial investments are recognised through the statement of comprehensive income.

The tables below exclude returns from investments in subsidiary undertakings.

SHG:	2020					2019				
	Debt Instruments	Multi-Asset Funds	Derivatives	Other	Total	Debt Instruments	Multi-Asset Funds	Derivatives	Other	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income from investments at fair value through profit or loss	2.9	-	-	-	2.9	2.7	-	-	-	2.7
Income from investments not at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
Gains / (losses) on realisation of investments	(0.1)	-	(1.1)	-	(1.2)	0.1	5.9	(0.1)	-	5.9
Movement in unrealised gains / (losses) on investments	3.5	-	(0.6)	-	2.9	(0.7)	(0.9)	1.9	-	0.3
Investment charges and expenses	-	-	-	(0.5)	(0.5)	-	-	-	(0.8)	(0.8)
Net investment returns	6.3	-	(1.7)	(0.4)	4.2	2.1	5.0	1.8	(0.6)	8.3

SHA:	2020					2019				
	Debt Instruments	Multi-Asset Funds	Derivatives	Other	Total	Debt Instruments	Multi-Asset Funds	Derivatives	Other	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income from investments at fair value through profit or loss	2.9	-	-	-	2.9	2.7	-	-	-	2.7
Gains / (losses) on realisation of investments	(0.1)	-	(1.1)	-	(1.2)	0.1	5.9	(0.1)	-	5.9
Movement in unrealised gains / (losses) on investments	3.5	-	0.2	-	3.7	(0.7)	(0.9)	1.9	-	0.3
Investment charges and expenses	-	-	-	(0.5)	(0.5)	-	-	-	(0.8)	(0.8)
Net investment returns	6.3	-	(0.9)	(0.5)	4.9	2.1	5.0	1.8	(0.8)	8.1

A.4 Performance of other activities

A.4.1 Other material income and expenses

The following material income and expenses were incurred from other activities during the reporting year:

1. Other income and charges includes the consolidated results from the non-insurance companies within the Group. Denplan Limited and The Animal Healthcare Ltd are major contributors to this through their administration of capitation plans within the dental and veterinary markets.
2. The results of joint ventures in dental practices were impacted by the effect of COVID-19 with reduced access to healthcare. Aggregate losses of £1.4m were reported which includes impairments on investments in practices which are now fully consolidated in the group results. These losses compare to profits of £0.7m in 2019.
3. Subsequent to the sale of The Animal Healthcare Ltd in September the carrying value of the convertible loan made on sale was impaired by £4.1m.
4. Amortisation of £13.1m has been charged on the Group's intangible assets during the year (2019: £13.0m). These charges primarily relate to goodwill arising on consolidation and on computer software assets.

There were no other significant items of income or expense recognised as comprehensive income in the year.

A.4.2 Material leasing arrangements

Payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, even if the payments are not made on such a basis. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are similarly spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Simplyhealth is obligated to the following minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as at 31 December 2020:

	SHG £m	SHA £m
- within one year	0.8	-
- between one and five years	0.3	-
- in more than five years	-	-
Total	1.1	-

A.5 Any other information

There is no other material information to disclose in respect to the business or performance.

B. System of Governance

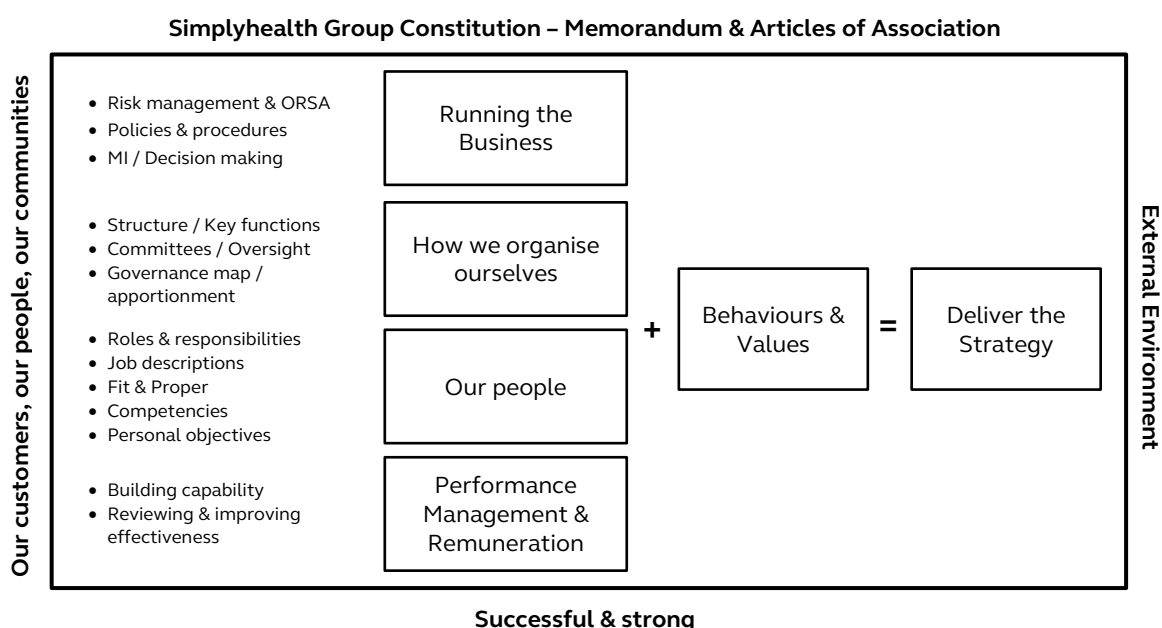
B.1 General information on the system of governance

B.1.1 Incorporation and constitution

Simplyhealth Group Limited is a company limited by guarantee. The Memorandum and Articles of Association of Simplyhealth Group Limited defines the purpose of Simplyhealth, the responsibilities of its Directors and the relationship between Simplyhealth and its voting members.

Simplyhealth is committed to mutual values and to re-investing retained profits for the benefit of its customers, its people and the communities in which it operates, we took the decision to maintain our donations at £1m in 2020 and to review the prospect of a sum greater than this as we see how 2021 results. The Group's purpose is to help improve access to healthcare, being there for the many and not just the few. Accordingly, the system of governance is designed to ensure that the Group and its constituent parts are well positioned to continue to deliver this purpose while effectively managing the risks associated with the underlying business activities. The system of governance is reviewed annually by the Board.

As the Group has neither shareholders nor a requirement to distribute profits to members, the roles of voting members and the Board of Directors in providing effective governance are particularly important. The Group Constitution, as illustrated below, provides an overview of the principles of the system of governance and how it is a foundation for the delivery of the Group's strategy.



B.1.2 The Voting Members

The Group is governed by its voting members who have no beneficial interest in, or rights to, its assets. The voting members have the responsibility to exercise their membership rights, including voting rights, with a view to promote the objects of Simplyhealth in the best interest of the Group and its customers (present and future) as detailed in the Memorandum of Association.

The Group's voting members make decisions at its general meetings by ordinary or special resolutions.

B.1.3 The Board of Directors

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of approval of this report were:

Gil Baldwin	Non-executive Chairman
Debbie Beaven	Chief Financial Officer (appointed 17 April 2020)
Tracy Dunley-Owen	Non-executive (appointed 6 January 2020)
Richard Gillies	Chief Operating Officer (appointed 3 February 2020)
Mike Hall	Non-executive
Richard Harris	Non-executive (resigned on 30 June 2020)
Jenny Knott	Non-executive (appointed 6 January 2020)
John Maltby	Non-executive
Romana Abdin	Chief Executive (resigned 1 April 2021)
Ken Piggott	Non-executive (resigned 3 June 2020)

The company secretary who served during the year and up to 28 February 2021 was:

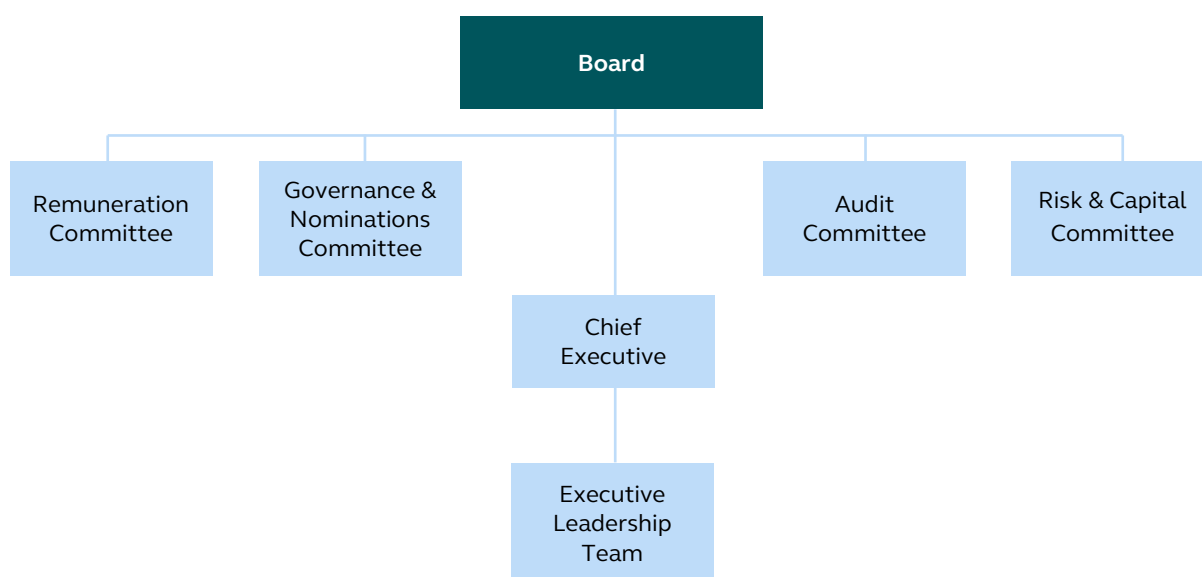
Jon Jansen-Alder Resigned on 28 February 2021

B.1.4 Governance Structure

The Group's decision-making and organisational structure support the effective governance of the business in meeting its strategic goals, the effective delivery of excellent levels of service to its customers, and its operation within applicable regulations. The governance model is designed to be proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks facing the Group.

The Board assesses and regularly reviews the ethical and economic position of the business and considers significant changes affecting factors such as the organisation, operations, customers, external environment, the financial position and the risk profile of the Group. This oversight is provided through the operation of Board Committees.

B.1.5 The Simplyhealth Group committee structure



The role of the Board

The Board is collectively responsible for ensuring Simplyhealth is successful for the benefit of its stakeholders, setting the strategic direction, providing entrepreneurial leadership and overseeing the effective management of key risks faced by the business.

The Board is accountable for ensuring effective governance, overseeing financial control of the business, ensuring that investments are managed properly, that all material business risks are managed and that funding is allocated efficiently and according to capital adequacy requirements. It is also accountable for ensuring that the company stays true to its Constitution, and is in a position to achieve its corporate giving as an intrinsic part of delivering Simplyhealth's purpose.

To assist the Board in carrying out its duties, the Board delegates some of these responsibilities, although not accountability, to a number of Board Committees and to the Chief Executive Officer. The Board Committees operate under delegated authority from the Board, enabling specific matters to be considered in depth and reported back to the Board and, where appropriate, making recommendations for final decision by the Board.

During the year, we have strengthened our Risk and Compliance functions with the arrival of a new permanent Chief Risk Officer, Mark Steele (in addition to a number of additional hires within the team), and, at a Board level, Richard Harris stepped down as the Chair of our Audit Committee at the end of his full term to be replaced by a highly experienced Audit Chair, Tracy Dunley-Owen. In addition the Board was further strengthened with Jenny Knott joining us as a Non-Executive. She will take over the Risk and Capital Committee in June 2021 when John Maltby leaves to Chair the West Bromwich Building Society. Furthermore, we welcomed our Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Beaven and Richard Gillies, our Chief Operating Officer as Executive Board Directors.

The key Board Committees and their responsibilities are:

Board Committees and Responsibilities			
Remuneration Committee	Governance & Nominations Committee	Audit Committee	Risk and Capital Committee
Chaired by M A Hall	Chaired by G Baldwin	Chaired by T Dunley-Owen	Chaired J N Maltby
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developing and recommending to the Board the remuneration principles for the Chairman, Chief Executive, Executive Directors, Company Secretary and the Executive Leadership Team having regard to advice from internal and external guidance and recommending to the Board their individual remuneration packages, including any bonuses and other incentive payments.Setting and reviewing the principles and parameters of the remuneration policy for the whole Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluating and monitoring the governance framework, including the governance structure and governance principles, to ensure they meet the Group's current and future strategic needs and support best practice.This includes recommending candidates for appointment to the Board to ensure that collectively, we have the balance of skills, experience, independence, knowledge and diversity appropriate for Simplyhealth's operations and the regulated environment in which it operates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewing the effectiveness of the system of control for managing financial and non-financial risks.Monitoring the integrity of the financial statements including significant reporting judgements contained within them.Reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness and objectivity of both the internal and external audit function and reviewing their reports and recommendations.Reviewing the effective implementation and operation of regulatory requirements and obligations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Overseeing, understanding and reviewing the Group's risk profile and advising the Board on principal risk exposures and future risk strategy, including recommending the levels of key risk appetite for the business.Ensuring that future capital requirements of the business are appropriately and adequately considered and planned for over the business planning horizon.Overseeing and advising the Board on the embedding and maintenance of a suitable risk management culture in Simplyhealth in accordance with the risk management framework.

Chief Executive delegated authority

The Board is responsible for overseeing the setting and delivery of the strategy. It delegates the responsibility to lead Simplyhealth to the Chief Executive, and the Chief Executive in turn delegates defined levels of responsibility for strategic and operational decision-making and oversight to members of the Executive Leadership Team.

The Chief Executive of Simplyhealth has delegated authority from, and is responsible to, the Board for directing and promoting the successful operation and development of Simplyhealth, implementing the strategy set by the Board to deliver our purpose, in a way that is consistent with our values and risk appetite.

Supporting this, the Chief Executive has a robust operational governance structure in place to manage the performance of the business and the delivery of the strategy.

Overall responsibility for defined areas of business activity sits with a number of senior managers within Simplyhealth who are accountable for those areas and who have been formally approved by the PRA and/or the FCA in relation to their specific roles.

The Executive Leadership Team

The Executive Leadership Team comprises the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Commercial Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Operating Officer.

Its responsibilities include:

- Formulating (for Board approval), reviewing, communicating and managing the delivery of the Group's strategy, taking into account Simplyhealth's purpose, risk profile, capital requirements and solvency position.
- Leading performance across the Group, including operational, financial and people matters, reporting results to the Board and its committees as required.
- Maintaining an effective organisational structure which supports delivery of strategic and operational plans and manages succession planning for key roles.
- Ensuring the Group maintains an effective internal control framework, which supports compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.
- Monitoring and reviewing the risk profile of the Group such that this enables the Group to mitigate significant operational, financial, compliance and other risks, in line with the Group's risk appetite, reporting these to the Board as required.

B.1.6 Key control functions

The Group's key control functions are Risk Management, Compliance, Actuarial and Internal Audit. The Risk Management and Compliance functions are led by the Chief Risk Officer (CRO), who is a permanent hire within Simplyhealth. The Actuarial Function is outsourced to Milliman LLP, with a named professional within that firm performing the role of Chief Actuary. The Chief Actuary reports to the Chief Financial Officer, whilst the ultimate responsibility of the role is to the Board.

During 2020, the Head of Internal Audit role was fulfilled by a permanent Simplyhealth employee, however following their resignation, in January 2021, Simplyhealth appointed PWC and a named individual to perform this role. This individual formally reports to the Chair of the Audit Committee and there are open communication lines between the Head of Internal Audit and Non-Executive Directors. There is an administrative link to the CRO but, to avoid any conflicts of interest, the CRO has no day-to-day involvement in the activities of the team.

These functions play an integral role in the system of governance as they provide oversight, challenge and independent assurance of the activities performed by the business to ensure risks are being managed appropriately.

Further descriptions of these functions' roles, responsibilities and resources are provided in sections B.3 (risk management system), B.4 (internal control system), B.5 (actuarial function) and B.6 (internal audit function).

B.1.7 Material changes in the system of governance

The Risk Management function has been significantly enhanced through the on-boarding of a permanent Chief Risk Officer, a new Head of Risk and additional hires within the team, including a Financial Risk & ORSA Manager. A programme of activity is underway to further strengthen the communication and escalation of performance and risk information across Simplyhealth.

B.1.8 Remuneration policy

B.1.8.1 Overarching approach to remuneration

The Group's remuneration policy is designed to reward the successful achievement of business objectives and incentivise individuals to deliver these in a responsible and appropriate way. This is achieved by offering a market-competitive reward structure which supports the Group's proposition as an employer of choice that is conducive to the Simplyhealth brand. The remuneration policy applies to all entities and employees, including the Executive Directors.

Reward comprises a number of separate elements including individual base pay, company performance bonuses and a choice of employee benefits. The proportion of fixed versus variable remuneration at different levels within the organisation is carefully considered to ensure there is not an over-reliance on variable remuneration and that remuneration does not incentivise an individual to take risks or act in a manner which is not in the long-term interests of the Group or its stakeholders. Remuneration arrangements are recorded at an individual bonus scheme level, demonstrating how they link to the Group's Remuneration Principles and its alignment to the business strategy and risk appetite.

All bonus schemes are based on both collective and individual performance and behaviours. The amount paid on all bonus schemes is determined at the end of the financial year having reviewed business performance results and the capital adequacy position. Bonuses would be at risk if there were shortfalls in performance or in the management of risk. All results are subject to the external audit of the year-end financial accounts.

B.1.8.2 Directors' Remuneration Policy

The Company recognises the importance of the Board of Directors in setting the values and direction of the Company. In order to attract and retain Directors with the required skills and experience, the Company must be competitive in the rewards offered to its Directors while ensuring that their remuneration promotes the long term success of the Company and Group. All rewards are set by the Remuneration Committee, comprised of Non-Executive Directors of the Board, after comparison with market data received from external consultants.

Non-executive Directors

The role of the Non-Executive Directors is to provide challenge and advice, and to oversee the performance of the Company and Group. Simplyhealth therefore regards it as inappropriate that they should be financially incentivised on the Group's profitability or other financial performance measures. Each Non-Executive Director is paid a fee, with further allowances paid to those who take on extra roles, such as chairing one of the Board sub-committees, or acting in the capacity of Senior Independent Director.

The Non-Executive Directors are not employees of any company in the Simplyhealth Group, and are appointed to three-year terms. It is normal company policy to rotate the Non-Executive Directors in order that they retain their independence and objectivity.

Executive Directors

The role of the Executive Directors is to run the Company and Group on a day-to-day basis and Simplyhealth therefore regards it as essential that they are incentivised to meet its business goals. It is the Company's belief that each Executive Director must deliver and contribute to the overall success of the business and work effectively within the Executive Team, as they cannot deliver alone. Therefore they are rewarded on both personal and collective performance. Executive Director remuneration is made up of the following elements:

- Salary and benefits – which are contractual as an employee of the Company and Group, and are set competitively against market norms. Salary will not be increased in line with market norms where individual performance and leadership behaviours are not at the level required for successful stewardship of the business.
- Annual bonus – the level of which is decided based on the achievement of the overall business objectives for the year and the individual performance and leadership behaviours of the Executive.
- Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) – the Group is currently running one LTIP scheme. The scheme is based on the achievement of business objectives over a seven year period. This new incentive plan was created to drive commercial success over a longer period, incentivising the Executive team to take decisions in the long term interest of the business promoting sustainability, as well as retaining their skills in the absence of a share option scheme.

The 2017 Scheme, which was based on a three year performance period, vested at the end of 2019 and the liabilities arising under this scheme were paid in 2020.

The Executive Directors are permanent employees and employment continues until terminated by either party under the terms of the contract of employment. The notice period of these contracts is either six or twelve months.

Pay and benefits in the year

The following amounts are paid or payable to the Directors for their service during the year:

	Salary £	Bonus £	Benefits £	Loss of Office £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Executive Directors						
R Abdin	400,000	162,240	121,236	769,025	1,452,501	767,124
R Gillies (appointed 3 February 2020)	260,414	54,778	9,180	-	324,372	-
D J Beaven (appointed 17 April 2020)	136,313	27,819	3,922	-	168,054	-
Total	796,727	244,837	134,338	769,025	1,944,927	767,124
Non-Executive Directors						
K S Piggott (resigned 3 June 2020)	64,633	-	-	-	64,633	148,363
G Baldwin	141,857	-	-	-	141,857	75,800
M A Hall	63,961	-	-	-	63,961	62,248
R J Harris (resigned 30 June 2020)	29,142	-	-	-	29,142	60,173
J N Maltby	58,978	-	-	-	58,978	58,369
J Knott (appointed 6 January 2020)	47,786	-	-	-	47,786	-
T Dunley-Owen (appointed 6 January 2020)	54,263	-	-	-	54,263	-
A L Pike (resigned 15 February 2019)	-	-	-	-	-	6,776
Total	460,620	-	-	-	460,620	411,729
Total remuneration	1,257,347	244,837	134,338	769,025	2,405,547	1,178,853

Total remuneration excludes pension contributions and long-term incentive plans which are shown below. The amount included above to compensate R Abdin for loss of office is payable in 2021.

B.1.8.3 Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)

Entitlement

The Executive Directors participate in an LTIP, which provides an incentive payment based on the business performance over an agreed performance period.

The 2018 Scheme made an initial allocation of 68% of the Director's salary at 1 January 2018 and then applied a multiplier of 5 times this number to calculate the Director's entitlement at the end of the seven year vesting period. This calculation covers the Directors full entitlement in the seven year period and payment may be made depending on performance during the seven year period.

All liabilities relating to schemes prior to 2018 were vested on or before 31 December 2019, and all liabilities were settled by April 2020.

	2016 and 2017 Schemes	2018 Scheme
Percentage allocation of Director's salary at 1 January	68%	68%
Performance period	3 years	7 years
Maximum performance related uplift	150%	nil
Multiplier	nil	5

How the schemes operate

At the beginning of the relevant LTIP performance period, the Board agrees the key long term objectives and targets, both financial and non-financial.

At the end of each year, the Remuneration Committee reviews progress towards the objectives and targets and ensures that these remain appropriate and relevant for the remainder of the performance period.

At the end of the performance period the Remuneration Committee reviews performance against the objectives and targets to determine the amount of LTIP payment. None of the initial allocation is guaranteed meaning that if performance is below the required level less than, or none of, the allocation may be paid.

If performance exceeded the objectives and targets set in respect of the 2016 and 2017 Schemes, the Directors would have been entitled to an additional payment of up to 1.5 times the notional value. No such additional payments became due.

The 2018 Scheme does not allow for any additional payments in excess of the notional value however if the objectives and targets set at the start of this Scheme are met before the seven year performance period is complete, the vesting of awards can be accelerated. However no payment could be made before 1 January 2020.

2020 performance adjustments

During 2020 the Remuneration Committee reviewed progress towards the 2018 scheme objectives and reduced the Director's entitlements by 50%. This reduction has been applied to all amounts accrued at the start of the year and to the current year grants. This reduction was on the basis that 2 of the measures would not be achieved. Such an adjustments is permissible within the scheme rules.

All amounts are payable in cash, since the Company has no shares. The following movements took place during the year in respect of the directors who are members of the schemes:

	Notional value at 31 December 2019 £	Amounts paid in 2020 £	Amounts granted in 2020 £	Performance adjustments £	Notional value at 31 December 2020 £
R Abdin	435,214	(102,608)	93,446	(145,714)	280,338
R Gillies	-	-	20,891	-	20,891
D J Beaven	-	-	12,295	-	12,295
Total	435,214	(102,608)	126,632	(145,714)	313,524

In addition to the amounts above, R Gillies and D J Beaven had accrued benefits of £47,479 and £26,759 prior to their appointments as directors. Their total notional values as at 31 December 2020 are £68,370 and £39,054 respectively.

Under the 2017 Scheme, which matured during the year, the following amounts which were included in the notional value above, became payable to the Directors:

	Amounts payable at 31 December 2020 £	Amounts payable at 31 December 2019 £
R Abdin	-	102,608
Total	-	102,608

The amounts in the table above are not included in Directors' remuneration.

The movement in the LTIP provision during the year was as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Accrued at 1 January	435,214	800,212
Granted during the period	126,632	77,309
Paid in respect of the 2016 scheme	-	(322,812)
Paid in respect of the 2017 scheme	(102,608)	-
Performance adjustments 2016 scheme	-	(119,495)
Performance adjustments 2018 scheme	(145,714)	-
Accrued at 31 December	313,524	435,214

B.1.8.4 Pension contributions

During the current and previous year no payments were made on behalf of the Directors in respect of pension contributions.

The Executive Directors are members of the Money Purchase Group Defined Contribution Pension Scheme. They have each opted to receive a cash payment in lieu of further pension contributions. These payments are included in the benefits figures above.

The Executive Directors are permanent employees and employment continues until terminated by either party under the terms of the contract of employment. The notice period of these contracts is either six or twelve months.

B.1.9 Material related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

B.2 Fit and proper requirements

The Group's fitness and propriety policy reflects the Senior Managers & Certification Regime's (SM&CR) fit and proper requirements. The Group ensures that the persons accountable for the running of Simplyhealth have the following required attributes to enable them to perform their role effectively and in accordance with any relevant regulatory requirements:

1. Personal characteristics, including being of good repute and integrity;
2. Competence, knowledge and experience;
3. Qualifications;
4. Has undergone or is undergoing the required level of training; and
5. Is regarded as a custodian for the benefit of future generations.

The Governance and Nominations Committee ensures the Board and Senior Managers collectively possess appropriate qualifications, experience and knowledge about, at least, the following:

- Insurance and financial markets;
- Business strategy and business model;
- Solvency II requirements for the system of governance;
- Financial and actuarial analysis; and
- Regulatory framework and requirements.

The Group employs the following procedures to assess an individual's fitness and propriety:

- Competency-based recruitment processes;
- Induction programme, including specific briefings for Senior Managers;
- Background checks, including criminal records, credit references and employment references, through an external agency;
- Performance against the applicable PRA Conduct Standards and FCA Conduct Rules;
- Regular performance reviews and assessments carried out at least annually; and
- Self-attestation annually.

With respect to the appointment of the Senior Managers, both Simplyhealth and the individual concerned are required to declare that the information supplied in support of the application is accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge. The PRA and FCA will validate the information provided against their records.

Senior Managers receive a briefing from Simplyhealth on appointment and annually thereafter on the Senior Management and Certification regime which is designed to inform them of the following:

- Their role and responsibilities;
- The objectives of the PRA and FCA;
- The high level regulatory requirements applicable to the regulated business of Simplyhealth;
- How individual fitness and propriety is assessed;
- Where individual accountabilities are documented;
- When the regulator might take enforcement action; and
- The changes that need to be notified to the regulator.

Persons approved to perform a controlled function are required to maintain their 'fit and proper' status.

B.3 Risk management system including the ORSA

B.3.1 The role of risk management

The Board considers risk management to be a fundamental part of our Purpose and a significant aspect of corporate governance. The effective management of risk is central to our culture and decision-making and provides an essential contribution towards the achievement of our strategy as a trusted business.



The Group has developed an Enterprise Risk Management Policy that stipulates the minimum standard for risk management and internal control for all parts of the Group and for all categories of risk.

In turn, this enables reasonable assurance to be provided to the Board and external stakeholders that Simplyhealth is achieving the following risk management and internal control objectives:

- Effective risk and capital management that secures an appropriate level of solvency for the Group and protection for policyholders;
- Strong alignment between risk management, accountability, decision-making and reward;
- Effective and efficient operations that are aligned to the Group's strategic objectives and risk appetites;
- Reliable non-financial and financial information, that meets internal and external reporting requirements including prudential reporting and supports effective oversight and decision-making; and
- Compliance with applicable and emerging laws, regulations and administrative provisions.

B.3.2 Risk management approach

The Group adopts a responsible and balanced approach to risk-taking so that significant risks are identified and managed. This supports long-term sustainability and growth and enables the Group to respond dynamically to strategic opportunities while maintaining an appropriate and proportionate approach to running the business.

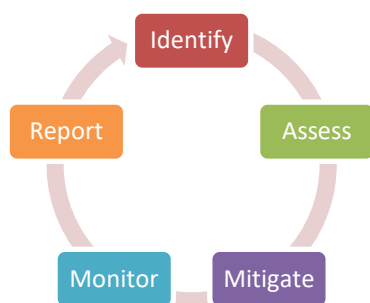
The Group's approach to risk management consists of the following components:

1. Agreement of Board risk appetite statements in relation to defined risks, which sets the philosophy and high level measures for the level of risk the Group is willing to accept.
2. A risk management framework which ensures that all principal risks are identified, assessed and managed in accordance with the risk appetite framework. The Group's risk management policies are reviewed at least annually.
3. Regular risk monitoring and reporting, ensuring any concentration of risk by risk type, entity or function is assessed and management action agreed on a timely basis. Group Risk Reporting provides an assessment of risk at both the Group, Business Unit and where appropriate functional level.
4. An effective risk and control culture which is focused on the sustainability of Simplyhealth, risk awareness, ethical behaviour and the fair treatment of customers and employees.

B.3.3 Risk management framework

The Group maintains a risk management framework which links our operating environment, business strategy, decision-making and capital management, alongside defined risk appetites.

The framework sets out the processes involved in the identification, assessment, mitigation, monitoring and reporting of risk, required to meet the Group's commercial, strategic and regulatory objectives, including the requirements of the UK financial services regulators and the Solvency II Directive.



B.3.4 Three Lines of Defence

The Group has adopted the 'Three Lines of Defence' operating model to define risk management accountability within roles and responsibilities.



First Line of Defence

- Owners of risk across the organisation, with responsibility for risk-based decision making and managing business processes within risk appetite.
- Performs risk management activities in line with risk standards, including ensuring adequate assessment of both the risk and its control strategy.
- Includes the day to day management of risk as well as risk-based decision-making within risk appetite.
- Establishes and reports against a range of key risk and control indicators.
- Proactively monitors the risk and control environment relevant to their part of the business.

Second Line of Defence

- Responsible for developing and overseeing the Group risk management strategy, the framework for identifying and managing risk and the risk standards which support the Group operating within its risk appetite.
- Supports the setting of Board Risk Appetite triggers and monitors business activity against those triggers.
- Acts as a business partner, helping the business analyse risk-taking against risk appetite to better support the strategic direction of the business.
- Regulatory and legislative horizon scanning, the interpretation of new and changed requirements, and advice and challenge to the organisation regarding compliance risk.
- Critically assesses the first line assessments of risk and controls.
- Performs evaluations of risk management effectiveness against a range of external benchmarks.
- The provision of risk reporting to the Risk & Capital Committee.

Third Line of Defence

- Provides objective assurance over the effective and efficient operations of the roles, responsibilities and activities of the first and second lines via an audit plan approved by the Audit Committee.
- The provision of internal audit reporting to the Audit Committee.

B.3.5 Risk governance

The Board is responsible for determining the nature and extent of the principal risks the Group is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives, including the setting of the Group's overall risk appetite. The Board delegates oversight of risk management to the Risk and Capital Committee.

The day to day oversight and challenge of the Group's risk management and reporting processes rests with the Group Risk Function. The consolidated risk report produced by this function is firmly embedded in the Group's management and Board reporting. This report enables the monitoring of risk-taking versus agreed risk limits, using a suite of Key Risk Indicators linked to risk appetite.

The effectiveness of the risk management and internal control framework is independently assessed as part of the programme of activity carried out by the Internal Audit Function in the third line of defence, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee.

B.3.6 Risk management function

The risk management function is required to:

- Facilitate the execution of the risk-management framework;
- Assist the Board and other functions in the effective operation of the risk management system;
- Monitor and report on the risk profile of the organisation;
- Report to the via the Risk and Capital Committee on material risks;
- Advise the Board on risk management matters, including in relation to strategic affairs such as corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions and major projects and investments;
- Identify and assess emerging risks;
- Co-operate closely with the other assurance functions, including Actuarial and Internal Audit and
- Implement and oversee the ORSA process.

B.3.7 Principal risks and uncertainties

The overall risk profile is determined by:

- The environment in which Simplyhealth does business, in particular competitor activity in the healthcare market, the changing health needs and claiming behaviour of customers, including exceptional circumstances throughout the pandemic, regulatory changes and an uncertain economic environment.
- The business strategy, which focuses on developing existing businesses, creating new opportunities and delivering sustainable returns, with a focus on developing outstanding customer relationships with products and services that meet our customers' needs in a changing healthcare market.

The primary risk exposures are underwriting risk, market risk, credit risk, insurance operational risk, liquidity risk, non-insurance profit risk, non-insurance operational risk.

Further details on our risk profile and management of these risks are given in note 4 to the financial statements and in section C of this report.

B.3.8 ORSA

Integration into the organisation structure

We calculate our solvency requirement under the Standard Formula Solvency Capital Requirement. This is compared to the economic solvency assessment modelled in the ORSA.

The ORSA considers the future development of the organisation's solvency position and risk profile over its business planning period under a central set of assumptions that reflect the Board's best estimate view of the performance of the organisation and relevant changes to its external business environment. The ORSA is designed to provide the Board and key stakeholders of the business with insight into, and a comprehensive understanding of, the risks, capital and solvency implications of achieving the strategic ambitions of Simplyhealth.

The ORSA is an important part of the strategic and decision making process as well as the risk management framework.

We determine our own solvency needs over the business planning period by reference to the projected own funds, future capital requirements as determined by the SCR and ORSA, a capital buffer in accordance with its risk appetite, the Group's strategic ambitions and the availability of management actions.

Review and Approval

The Board has ultimate responsibility and accountability for risk in the organisation. It plays an active part in the development of the ORSA, which includes initial steering as to how the ORSA approach is designed, and regular challenge on risk identification, management and mitigation.

A full report detailing the outcomes of those processes is produced for review and approval by the Board on an annual basis.

The Board provides final approval of the ORSA outcomes and report and specifically confirms it has an understanding of the risks to the business, the underlying assumptions in the SCR calculation and ORSA and the impact of movements in the underlying assumptions.

B.4 Internal control system

B.4.1 Internal control system

Simplyhealth's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance of:



The system is designed to identify and mitigate, rather than eliminate, the potential risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material financial misstatement or loss.

The Board is ultimately responsible for overseeing and maintaining the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems. This oversight involves the participation of the Board, the Executive Leadership Team, the Audit Committee, the Risk & Capital Committee, Group Risk, Group Compliance, Legal, Internal Audit, the Chief Actuary, and senior management. The day-to-day responsibility for implementation and maintenance of the internal control system rests with Simplyhealth's various Senior Manager Functions under SMCR.

B.4.2 Risk and Compliance Assurance Function

The Group Risk Function is responsible for developing and overseeing the framework for identifying and managing risk across the Group. The Enterprise Risk Management Framework is approved annually by the Board and supports the identification of all strategic, financial, operational, regulatory and non-insurance risks across the Group, including the primary risk exposures which are considered as part of our ORSA process and reporting.

The Group Compliance function is responsible for the identification, interpretation and assessment of emerging and current regulatory, conduct and data protection risks which may impact the Group. The possible impact of changes to the regulatory and legal environment is considered on an ongoing basis and reported to the Risk and Capital Committee and Board.

Group Compliance owns the Compliance Monitoring Plan which details the schedule of activities which the team undertake to provide assurance to the Board and Senior Managers that the risks are being appropriately managed. The plan enables the Group Compliance Function to provide oversight of key Compliance changes driven through regulatory change, along with sampling to ensure fair customer outcomes and regulatory adherence by the business.

The Group Compliance Function owns the Compliance Policy for the Group. This policy is approved annually by the Board and outlines how the Group complies with key regulations, including the Senior Manager and Certification Regime requirements.

The Chief Risk Officer (CRO) leads the Group Risk and Group Compliance Functions. The CRO has a formal reporting line to the CEO, but there are open communication lines with the Non-Executive Directors. The CRO has private meetings with the Chair of the Risk & Capital Committee in advance of Risk & Capital Committee meetings without the presence of Executive Directors.

A significant investment has been made in the Compliance and Risk functions in 2020, which included the recruitment of a permanent CRO and additional members of the Risk function. A programme of work is in progress to deliver enhancements to the overall risk and control environment, which includes strengthening our enterprise risk management framework, our oversight of third party arrangements and our operational resilience.

Key procedures

- The production of an annual Compliance plan that sets out key objectives, processes and activities for the coming year.
- The performance of a comprehensive annual monitoring plan to assess the effectiveness of internal processes and controls in key areas of the business.
- Regulatory and legislative horizon scanning, the interpretation of new and changed requirements, and advice and challenge to the organisation regarding compliance risk.
- Regular and ad hoc provision of advice, reporting and assurance to the Board and Risk & Capital Committee on legal, regulatory and compliance risk matters.
- A risk based review of key risks and controls in the Group is conducted throughout the year as part of the Risk & Control Self-Assessment.

B.4.3 Policy on bribery and corruption

Simplyhealth condemns corruption in all its forms and we will not tolerate it in our business or in those we do business with. It is our policy to conduct all of our business in an honest and ethical manner. We take a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships.

Any employee who breaches this policy faces disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal for gross misconduct. Any non-employee who is engaged by the Group and breaches this policy may have their contract terminated with immediate effect.

Monitoring and enforcement of the policy is undertaken by the Group's legal team and is administered in accordance with the Group's Whistleblowing Policy, which is clearly communicated to all staff.

B.5 Internal audit function

B.5.1 Internal Audit

The Internal Audit function provides independent, objective assurance to the Board, the Audit Committee, and all levels of management on the internal control environment at Simplyhealth. The Internal Audit Charter provides the framework for achieving this, by setting out the objectives, scope, responsibilities, authority, independence and accountability for the Internal Audit function. The Audit Committee reviews the Internal Audit Charter at least bi-annually to ensure its continued relevance, with the next review due in early 2021.

Internal Audit's mission is to assist the Board in protecting and developing the assets, reputation and sustainability of the organisation by assessing the effectiveness of systems and processes designed to manage risk, enhance governance and by providing constructive and commercially astute advice to help management improve processes and controls.

The Head of Internal Audit ("HoIA") is accountable for the production of regular reports to the Audit Committee. These include:

- The development of an audit plan of activity based on an understanding of significant risks facing the Group;
- Periodic reports summarising the progress against the audit plan, the adequacy of Internal Audit resource and the results of audit activities against defined measures. The audit plan considers an immediate timeframe of activities for the coming six months, but is reviewed quarterly to reflect changes within the organisation, any unplanned events which may occur and emerging risks;
- Reporting of significant control issues / trends; and
- An annual assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's systems of internal control, based on the audit work performed.

Internal Audit's working practices and outputs generally conform to The Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors International Professional Practices Framework and the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The audit methodology is reviewed at least annually by the HoIA to ensure it continues to reflect the required professional standards in the most effective manner as well as the financial service code of ethics.

An external quality assessment is completed every five years to provide assurance over the conformity to the Institute of Internal Audit standards and a benchmarked view of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit function within Simplyhealth. The outcome of the most recent external quality assessment review was presented to the Audit Committee by the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) in January 2020. Any areas for potential improvement are captured as part of the ongoing quality assurance and improvement programme.

B.5.2 Independence and objectivity of the Internal Audit function

The Internal Audit function is independent from the activities it reviews and does not implement internal controls, develop or update procedures, or carry out activities that could impair its judgement.

Auditors have no operational responsibility or authority over any of the activities they assess. Auditors recruited internally do not review activities or functions in which they have been involved in the preceding 12 months. The work performed by the audit team is also monitored for potential threats to its independence and objectivity, and is subject to regular internal quality assurance reviews and periodic external assessment.

The HoIA formally reports to the Chair of the Audit Committee and there are open communication lines between the HoIA and Non-Executive Directors. The HoIA has private meetings with the Chair of the Audit Committee and Non-Executive Directors in advance of Audit Committee meetings without the presence of

Executive Directors. There is an administrative link to the Chief Risk Officer (“CRO”) but, to avoid any conflicts of interest, the CRO has no day-to-day involvement in the activities of the team.

During 2020, the HoIA role was fulfilled by a permanent Simplyhealth employee. However following their resignation, in January 2021, Simplyhealth appointed PWC and a named individual to perform this role. We continue to have an internal team, made up of professionally qualified auditors with a range of experience of different organisations and processes, supplemented by co-source support where specific skills are not available in-house. This mixture of skills and experience aims to ensure that the team deliver high quality professional audit and consultancy services.

The Compliance function is implemented in the business as a second line of defence and is engaged through regular engagement at both a strategic and operational level. The function provides both compliance advice and formal assurance, via the delivery of a monitoring plan, to ensure that a proportionate level of independent oversight is maintained. The Compliance function reports to the Chief Risk Officer, who holds the Senior Management Function for Compliance Oversight.

B.6 Actuarial function

The Group has appointed an external actuarial firm, Milliman LLP, to perform the Actuarial Function activities and selected a named professional within that firm to perform the role of Chief Actuary. The Chief Actuary has met the requirements of an Approved Person and holds an appropriate practising certificate from the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in the UK. The Chief Actuary reports to the Chief Financial Officer whilst the ultimate responsibility of the role is to the Board.

The contract between Simplyhealth and the service provider is reviewed annually following the delivery of the Actuarial Function Holder (“AFH”) Report to the Board. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for overseeing the performance of the service provider and for ensuring the quality of the service, and reports on the service levels and performance of the provider to the Board on a regular basis (at least annually).

The scope of the Actuarial Function includes a review of the Solvency II best estimate of technical provisions (“TPs”), i.e. claims and premium provisions and of the risk margin calculated as at 31 December 2020; an opinion of the underwriting policies operated by Simplyhealth and a summary of the contribution of the actuarial function to the risk management function.

The day-to-day tasks overseen by the Actuarial Function are performed by the Commercial Finance team and Financial and Regulatory Reporting, team within the Simplyhealth Finance function. The Group separates the ‘production’ activities from the ‘review’ process allowing the Chief Actuary to remain independent of the activities performed.

B.7 Outsourcing

It is a requirement under Solvency II (SII) for Simplyhealth to maintain Material Outsourcing principles, these principles are reported to the Risk & Capital Committee annually. The principles support our methodology for the engagement, management and assessment of the provision of “critical or important operational functions or activities” by third parties which we would otherwise deliver ourselves, and which are considered to be material to the effective operation of our business.

Simplyhealth’s outsourcing policy is applied consistently across the Group. The policy provides guidance on how an outsourcing arrangement should be enacted, monitored and ultimately concluded. It also sets out the criteria for identifying critical or important outsourcing arrangements and the individuals responsible for ensuring the outsourcing provider is capable of performing the activity to the highest standards through effective due diligence.

All material outsourcing arrangements are approved by the Board and are formally reviewed on an annual basis.

The following arrangements had been identified as material outsourced:

Activity	Jurisdiction
Solvency II Actuarial Services	UK
Management of investment assets under a delegated authority	UK
Cloud based software and storage	UK
Customer product renewal - print and mailing	UK
Policy inception, administration and claims handling of insurance products underwritten by Simplyhealth Access	UK
Data centre hosting and colocation services rationale	UK
Fee rate mailing to Dental customers	UK

B.8 Any other information

The Board has assessed the Group's corporate governance system and has concluded that it effectively provides for the sound and prudent management of the business, which is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the operations within Simplyhealth.

C. Risk Profile

C.1 Underwriting risk

C.1.1 Material risks

Underwriting risk refers to the risk of loss arising from inadequacies in pricing and underwriting of insurance policies and of claims experience being materially different from expectations. The majority of underwriting risk to which the Group is exposed is of a short-term nature and generally does not significantly exceed 12 months.

The principal line of risk underwritten by the Group is healthcare insurance in which the Group has substantial experience. Where the Group wishes to enter new lines this is done using a controlled approach in order to manage the risk associated with new areas of business.

Each class of contract has a large population of homogeneous policyholders that are based throughout the UK. No one client represents more than 10% of total turnover and, therefore, no insurance contracts are deemed subject to concentration risk.

C.1.2 Measures used to assess the risk

The following measures are used to assess underwriting risk:

Business performance report

- The Group's business plan projects income and claims over a three-year time horizon. This information is used to track actual performance against expected levels, enabling corrective action to be put in place where necessary.
- All factors contributing to variances within income and claims are analysed on a monthly basis. This includes new business and lapse volumes, portfolio mix, average claims costs and claim frequencies. The resultant impact on loss ratios is reviewed to understand performance and assess results in the context of risk appetite.
- A business performance report is produced monthly which is communicated across management levels, up to and including the Board.

Reserving process

- The Group performs an 'expected versus actual' analysis on its technical provisions on a regular basis.
- This analysis is reviewed within monthly management meetings and regular reserving committees so that future calculations can be informed by and calibrated using historical estimates alongside forward looking assumptions. The review process includes the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Commercial Finance & CUO, the Head of Financial & Regulatory Accounting and the Chief Actuary.
- Deviations from planned performance are tracked to ensure that actual performance is managed within risk appetite.

Capital measurements

- Regulatory capital is measured on a quarterly basis using the Standard Formula SCR. The risk modules considered are lapse risk, premium and reserve risk and health catastrophe risk.
- Health underwriting risk is also assessed within the ORSA on an annual basis.

C.1.3 Risk mitigation techniques

Underwriting risk is mitigated in the following ways:

- Continuing underwriting risk is managed through regular underwriting reviews. These reviews ensure that benefits and prices are managed in a way that delivers competitive products, providing tangible benefits to our customers, while delivering a sustainable operating model which supports the Group's purpose.
- Pricing is generally based on historical claims frequencies and claims severity averages, adjusted for inflation, trended forward to recognise anticipated changes in claims patterns, conditions in the insurance market and a profit loading that adequately covers the cost of capital.
- The Group aims to acquire the correct mix of insurance business, at a price that provides value for our customers and supports a sustainable commercial position, while at the same time protecting itself from excessive insurance claims.
- Underwriting limits are in place to enforce appropriate risk selection criteria and pricing.
- Large corporate clients may be subject to contractual clauses which limit excessive claims loss ratios.

The Underwriting Governance Committee also plays an important role in mitigating potential underwriting risk as part of the duties delegated to it by the Executive Leadership Team.

The Underwriting Governance Committee meets on a quarterly basis and its responsibilities include:

- Oversight of the underwriting performance of the insured portfolios:
 - Consumer
 - Corporate
 - Accident and Emergency
- Monitor and discuss market insight, analysis and industry wide developments to understand potential impacts on the Simplyhealth portfolio
- Input oversight and review of the underwriting analysis completed in relation to pricing of existing products
- Input oversight and review of the underwriting analysis completed in relation to new products and services
- Responsible for review of the annual update of the Underwriting policy and Pricing strategy prior to submission to Risk & Capital Committee and its ongoing application e.g. delegation of authorities/standard pricing

The Group monitors the effectiveness of these techniques through the regular reporting of underwriting performance results.

C.1.4 Prudent person principle

Not applicable to underwriting risk.

C.1.5 Risk sensitivities

The Directors have assessed that a deterioration of 15% is the highest reasonably possible change in the loss ratio. A deterioration of 15% in the loss ratio of the health plan book during the year would have resulted in a reduction in profit before tax of £31.6m and a reduction in equity of £25.6m.

C.2 Market risk

C.2.1 Material risks

Market risk is the risk of loss or of adverse change resulting, directly or indirectly, from fluctuations in the level and in the volatility of market prices of assets, liabilities and financial instruments.

The Group has potential exposures to the following material types of market risk:

- Currency risk: Arises from the investment portfolio, with some investments denominated in currencies other than sterling.
- Interest rate risk: Arises primarily from valuation movements on financial investments that are measured at fair value and have fixed interest rates.
- Spread risk: Arises from the sensitivity of the value of financial investments to changes in the level of or in the volatility of credit spreads over the risk-free interest rate term structure.
- Concentration risk: Arises as a result of a large investment in individual counterparties and single name exposures.
- Property risk: Arises as a result of sensitivity to the level or in the volatility of property market prices.

The investment portfolio is highly diversified. The largest exposure at 31 December 2020 was to the UK Government with a total capital value of £49.1m, representing 23.8% of total financial investments. These investments are in UK gilts and T-Bills where the market risks are considered to be low.

C.2.2 Measures used to assess the risk

The following measures are used to assess market risk:

Investment monitoring

- Fund valuations are monitored daily.
- Value-at-Risk (VaR) is monitored by fund against expected values weekly.
- Market analysis and volatility reviews are performed with the fund manager on a regular basis.
- Quantitative analysis of stress tests on tail risk scenarios are performed on a monthly basis with the investment manager.
- Movements in the investment portfolio in a rolling twelve month period are monitored on a monthly basis.

Committee and management reviews

- The Risk and Capital Committee oversees all investments, including cash balances, of the Group. The Committee meets quarterly to discuss and provide challenge to the decisions of the investment manager appointed by the Committee.
- The Investment Management Team ("IMT") comprises the Chief Financial Officer, the Director of Financial Governance & Accounting, Chief Risk Officer, representatives from the investment manager and an independent external investment adviser. The IMT meets quarterly to review the performance and positions of the investment portfolio in accordance with the strategy set by the Board.
- The Investment Working Party ("IWP") comprises the Chairman, the Chair of Risk and Capital Committee, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, meeting periodically to oversee strategic investment discussions and oversight of our investment portfolio during these uncertain times preparing proposals for Board committee approval.

Capital measurements

- Regulatory capital is measured on a quarterly basis using the Standard Formula SCR. This assessment includes a detailed review of the investment portfolio assessing the nature and capital implications for each individual holding; ‘the full look-through approach’.
- Market risk is also assessed within the ORSA.

C.2.3 Risk mitigation techniques

The structure of the investment portfolio is set out in section A.3 (investment performance).

The investment strategy is set by the Board and management follows this strategy in making investment decisions. The investment portfolio managed by Schrodgers is reviewed by the Risk and Capital Committee to ensure that investments are maintained in line with the investment strategy.

The aim of the investment strategy is to generate a consistent and relatively predictable level of return while seeking to protect the capital value of investments. Investment income is used to support the delivery of the business plan. Investment liquidity is managed to ensure funds can be released to enable investment in strategic objectives.

The Board targets a level of security, quality, liquidity, profitability and availability in its investment activities in accordance with its risk appetite:

- Security: Investment vehicles that are subject to significant price volatility or value erosion outside of the defined risk appetite shall not be used.
- Quality: The credit quality of any interest-bearing investment held for capital preservation should be investment grade.
- Liquidity: It must be possible to liquidate assets within one month of request.
- Profitability: Assets are only added to the portfolio when their expected return is commensurate with the level of risk taken and within risk appetite. Expected returns must be considered together with the capital impact associated with the investment.
- Availability: All investments must be fully admissible from a regulatory capital perspective and not result in off-balance sheet exposures.

Market risk arising from the investment portfolio is actively managed by the investment manager.

C.2.4 Prudent person principle

The Group has appointed an investment manager to manage its investment portfolio. The investment manager has a discretionary mandate to invest assets with a view to achieving the investment objectives set by the Board within pre-agreed risk restrictions. The investment manager is obliged under the agreement with Simplyhealth to act in good faith and with reasonable care and skill, and by having regard to the Prudent Person Principle as instructed by the Group, when investing the Group’s assets.

Simplyhealth performs regular reviews of the investment portfolio to ensure:

- Assets held by the Group are compliant with the Solvency II Directive;
- Assets are only invested in instruments which can be suitably modelled and valued;
- Investments are of a suitable quality and are within the pre-agreed restrictions set by the Board;
- Sufficient analysis is provided to allow Simplyhealth to fully understand the nature of all investments, including those within collective investment schemes, on a detailed look-through basis;
- Assets are properly diversified in such a way as to avoid excessive reliance on any particular asset, issuer or group of undertakings, or geographical area and excessive accumulation of risk in the portfolio as a whole;
- The Group is not exposed to excessive risk concentrations;
- Derivative instruments are only used insofar that they contribute to a reduction in currency or interest rate risks or facilitate efficient portfolio management; and
- The investment portfolio has sufficient assets to cover derivative positions to ensure that these positions are proportionate in size to the overall portfolio.

C.2.5 Risk sensitivities

The sensitivity of reserves to movements in market risk variables, each considered in isolation, is shown in the following table:

Variable	Change in variable	Potential increase / (decrease) in profit after tax and Solvency II Own Funds - £m
Interest rate risk	-50 basis points	1.5
	+200 basis points	(4.9)
Equity price risk	+ 10%	0.1
	-10%	(0.1)
Currency risk	+15%	0.5
	-15%	(0.2)
Credit spread risk	-50 basis points	(0.5)
	+50 basis points	0.5

The analysis of market risk sensitivity has been derived by the Group's external investment manager, using standard valuation techniques that are the same as those applied in the previous year. The following assumptions were applied:

- The value of fixed income investments will vary inversely with changes in interest rates;
- Equity prices will move by the same percentage across all territories;
- Currency gains and losses will arise from a change in the value of sterling against all other currencies moving in parallel; and
- Credit spreads will move by the same percentage across all instruments and counterparties.

C.3 Credit risk

C.3.1 Material risks

Credit risk is the risk that counterparties will cause a financial loss to the Group by failing to discharge a financial obligation. The Group has exposure from the following areas:

- Amounts held with banks and other financial institutions;
- Counterparty defaults on debt securities;
- Amounts due from insurance premium debtors; and
- Amounts due from other group undertakings and guarantees offered to other group entities.

C.3.2 Measures used to assess the risk

The following measures are used to assess and manage credit risk:

Regular monitoring

- Cash balances are regularly reviewed to monitor and limit concentrations of risk.
- Credit ratings assigned to counterparties by international credit rating agencies, capital ratios and other financial information are monitored regularly.
- Credit Default Swap (CDS) rates are monitored weekly and are used as indicators of credit risk.
- Total levels of debt are managed to within approved limits. An allowance for doubtful debts is maintained and regularly monitored as part of the Group's internal financial reporting processes.

Capital measurements

- Regulatory capital is measured on a quarterly basis using the Standard Formula SCR.
- Credit risk is also assessed within the ORSA.

C.3.3 Risk mitigation techniques and the prudent person principle

The Group's exposure to credit risk is primarily mitigated by placing cash deposits with reputable banks that have strong credit ratings. The Group also operates a system of limits for each bank in accordance with its risk appetite. The Group's risk policies limit the maximum exposure with any single counterparty excluding the UK Government to £45m.

The Investment Management Agreement sets out the parameters under which the Investment Manager can operate including:

- The definition of eligible instruments;
- Asset allocation between the range of eligible instruments;
- The acceptable credit rating of counterparties; and
- Acceptable levels of concentration risk.

Adherence to this policy is monitored by the Risk and Capital Committee and the Investment Management team (IMT). The Group has no material concentration of credit risk in respect of amounts due from insurance intermediaries and policyholders due to the well diversified spread of such debtors. Premium and other trade debtors are subject to strict credit control and oversight.

C.4 Liquidity risk

C.4.1 Material risks

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulties in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities or insurance contract liabilities when they fall due. The Group is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources.

The Group's insurance liabilities are of short duration; insurance contracts do not generally exceed 12 months, and the majority of claims are settled within twelve months of being incurred.

There have been no instances during the reporting year where assets have had to be liquidated outside of plan, to meet financial obligations.

C.4.2 Measures used to assess the risk

The following measures are used to assess liquidity risk:

Cash flow projections

- The Group performs cash flow projections over its business planning time period. This information along with forecast performance information is used to assess overall liquidity risk as part of the Group's going concern assessment on an annual basis.
- Liquid resources, commitments, and liabilities are reviewed regularly as part of day to day operations to inform the current and forecast view of liquidity risk.
- The Group also reviews the effect on liquidity in the event of material changes during the year.

Treasury management

- The Group's overall treasury needs are considered over the short and medium term.
- Liquidity risk is measured daily through absolute level targets and monthly through a cash coverage ratio which measures the Group's ability to cover its working capital requirements.

Capital measurements

- Liquidity risk is assessed within the ORSA.

C.4.3 Risk mitigation techniques and the prudent person principle

The Group has robust processes in place to manage liquidity risk and has available cash balances and other readily marketable assets in case of exceptional need. The Group considers the composition of its assets in terms of their nature, duration, and liquidity to be appropriate and sufficient to meet its obligations as they fall due in line with the asset-liability management policy.

C.4.4 Expected profit in future premiums

Expected profits included in future premiums ("EPIFP") is calculated as the difference between:

- The technical provision using best estimate assumptions without a risk margin; and
- The technical provisions without a risk margin under the assumption that no further premiums will be received in the future for any reason other than the insured event having occurred, regardless of any legal or contractual rights of the policyholder to discontinue the policy.

The EPIFP calculation is performed at a homogeneous risk group level.

C.5 Operational risk

C.5.1 Material risks

Operational risk could lead to financial loss, customer detriment, reputational damage and potentially failure to meet regulatory objectives. It arises from inadequacies or failures of processes, people, and systems or from external events.

The material operational risks that the Group is exposed to are as follows:

- Failure of a Technology Service: There is a risk that our technology services are unavailable and/or we fail to recover the service within risk appetite.
- Legacy Technology: There is a risk that we are reliant on legacy platforms and software that limit our ability to deliver our strategy and pose a threat to how we secure and manage our customer data.
- Supervision of Partner/Supplier Arrangement: There is a risk that third party and outsourcing activities, review and supervision is inadequate.
- Capability & Capacity Constraints: there is a risk we fail to recruit, develop, reward and retain the required capability and build or acquire the necessary processes, and systems to deliver on our strategy.
- Data Breach: There is a risk of compromise of customer or employee data as a result of malicious, negligent or unintended staff activity, or from a cyber-attack.
- Under-developed change initiatives: There is a risk that the transformation plan may not include all the “change” required to deliver the benefits, as new opportunities arise to shape and scope initiatives already in plan.
- Long term health: There is a risk that the current socially distanced working and operating environment leads to a reduction in mental and physical health for employees which adversely impacts our ability to deliver our strategy.
- Inaccurate Data: There is a risk that our customer and/or company data is inaccurate.

There were no material operational risk losses or incidents during the reporting year that require disclosure.

C.5.2 Measures used to assess the risk

The following measures are used to assess operational risk:

Risk registers

- A comprehensive view of operational risk is achieved by considering both top down and bottom up perspectives.
- Operational risks are primarily identified, assessed and managed by Business Units through their risk registers. Risk registers set out the key risks, their causes and consequences, and an assessment of the likelihood of those risks occurring along with an estimate of the potential impacts. A consistent standard methodology, facilitated by the Group Risk function, is implemented across the Group.
- The Board's top risk assessment process gives consideration to operational risk topics which are most significant to the organisation and affect every Business Unit. The Group Risk function facilitates this process, ensuring risks are identified and assessed on a consistent basis across different levels in the organisation.

Capital measurements

- Regulatory capital is measured on a quarterly basis using the Standard Formula SCR.
- Operational risk is also assessed within the ORSA.

C.5.3 Risk mitigation techniques

Simplyhealth seeks to mitigate operational risk by maintaining a robust governance framework with clear roles and responsibilities, supported by policies and procedures that are designed to support staff in performing their day to day tasks while effectively managing the risks inherent in those tasks.

The Group's Enterprise Risk Management Framework serves to identify potential risks and control weaknesses, which drives the continued improvement of systems and processes as well as informing the training and development of staff. As an integral part of the Enterprise Risk Management Framework, the individual risk registers aid Business Unit management teams in understanding their operational risk profile and implementing the necessary actions and monitoring appropriately to manage their risks.

C.5.4 Prudent person principle

Not applicable to operational risk.

C.6 Other material risks

Brexit and transitional impact

On 23 June 2016, the United Kingdom ('UK') voted to leave the European Union ('EU'). In January 2020 the Withdrawal Agreement Bill was passed through Parliament and work is now complete on the Transition Arrangements, with the exit from the EU being effective 31 December 2020. The new EU/UK Trade and Corporation Agreement which includes the Free Trade Agreement was agreed on 24 December 2020 and has been included in the assessment below.

When completing the assessment of the potential impacts of Brexit, we have completed both direct and indirect impact assessments. The Group completed a revised assessment throughout 2020 and continues to do so in 2021 and have concluded the following:

- The business impact to Simplyhealth is considered to remain low;
- There is no impact on the going concern status of the Group;
- We do not expect the impact to affect the ability to serve our customers;
- Adverse transitional arrangements from Brexit would not negatively impact any of our key outsourcing relationships in their ability to provide the required services to the Group; and
- The Investment Portfolio remains within a fixed income portfolio, reflecting the economic uncertainty that exists.

In addition the assessment concluded that like any business, future performance will be impacted by the general macroeconomic conditions.

Coronavirus

The continued spread of COVID-19 across the world has created an unprecedented impact upon businesses and communities.

Our priority in responding to events has been to ensure we are able to effectively serve our customers, and to protect the health and wellbeing of our colleagues. Although the long term impact of COVID-19 remains uncertain, we anticipate that people will become more aware of their underlying physical and mental health, more open to the use of digital services such as 24/7 GP. We will seek to enhance our products to support the ever-changing demands of our customers and provide them with the additional digital healthcare solutions.

The financial impact has been closely monitored as events unfolded, whilst we saw a significant reduction in claims during the first lock down, we saw a steady increase in claims costs back to pre-COVID-19 levels from June onwards, and although incident levels have not yet fully returned as a result continued COVID-19-secure practices, treatment costs have increased. Whilst we expect that incremental lockdowns will reduce claims in the short term, we anticipate that there will continue to be a continued increase in capacity in the healthcare provision providing for improved access for all our customers, albeit at a higher treatment cost. ORSA stress tests have been performed and we will continue to run them as and when new data and evidence becomes available, however we are confident that even under very extreme scenarios we remain solvent.

Our Risk Management System has been tested by COVID-19 crisis and has proven to be robust and is operating effectively. COVID-19 tested a number of risks for the business, including business continuity planning, as we moved to remote working throughout the year we have used this risk process to identify and manage these risks. We will continue to do so as we remain primarily home working in 2021, and then look to return to more office working in 2022 as lockdown restrictions ease.

Non-insurance profit risk

Non-insurance profit risk refers to the revenue and expense risks associated with the non-insurance activities of the Group.

This risk is addressed by robust corporate governance and risk management frameworks that ensure risks are effectively and coherently identified, assessed, mitigated, managed and monitored across the Group. These frameworks also facilitate the timely and comprehensive reporting of business performance and risk management to the Board that allows them to effectively manage the Group.

C.7 Any Other Information

C.7.1 Stress and scenario testing

The Group carries out stress and scenario testing as part of its risk management system. This analysis is performed to ensure potential adverse scenarios are considered in its risk framework and are adequately mitigated either through controls or timely remedial measures.

The Group's ORSA report sets out the description of the scenarios, the methodologies used and the outcome of the assessment. The stress and scenario tests performed during the reporting period have been approved by the Board.

The following stress and scenario tests were selected:

- An adverse combination of events, including reduction in new business, 25% higher lapses, unintended profit returned to customers, 1% claim inflation. 10% reduction in 2021 expenses, investment project spend halved.
- Business downside with above events plus CLR reaches to 95%;
- Lapse rate increase by 50% plus 75% reduction in new business;
- An adverse combination of economic events leading to downturn in the market and a change in investment performance;
- An operational risk event arising from payment hacking;
- Regulatory censure leading to a punitive fine, compensation payable and lapse rates spike due to the negative publicity;

The stress and scenario tests were performed using up-to-date and relevant data derived from the Group's 2021-23 Business Plan. The quantitative analysis performed has demonstrated that both the Group, and Simplyhealth Access, have sufficient capital to withstand the potential impact of these scenarios.

D. Valuation for Solvency Purposes

The following tables provide a summary of the balance sheet prepared for the financial statements, and the reclassifications and valuation adjustments required to form the Solvency II balance sheet. All valuations are presented in pounds sterling on a going concern basis and are drawn up to 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, and in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (‘FRS 102’) and FRS 103 “Insurance Contracts” (‘FRS 103’) and the Companies Act 2006. This is referred to as UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (‘UK GAAP’).

The Solvency II balance sheet has been prepared in accordance with the market-consistent valuation approach set out in Article 75 of Directive 2009/138/EC, which requires that (unless otherwise stated):

- Assets shall be valued at the amount for which they could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm’s length transaction; and
- Liabilities shall be valued at the amount for which they could be transferred, or settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm’s length transaction.

A description of the bases, methods and main assumptions used for the valuation for solvency purposes, and the material differences to those used in the financial statements, is set out in sections D.1 (assets), D.2 (technical provisions) and D.3 (other liabilities). These apply to both the Group and Simplyhealth Access.

There were no material changes in the recognition and valuation bases used or to the bases used for making estimations during the reporting period.

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Consolidated balance sheet

As at 31 December 2020

		Financial statements (UK GAAP)	Reclassification adjustments	Solvency II valuation adjustments	Solvency II
Assets	Section	£m	£m	£m	£m
Goodwill	D.1.1	11.5	0.0	(11.5)	0.0
Other intangible assets	D.1.2	1.3	0.0	(1.3)	0.0
Deferred acquisition costs	D.1.3	0.9	0.0	(0.9)	0.0
Deferred tax assets	D.1.4	2.0	(2.0)	0.0	0.0
Property, plant and equipment held for own use	D.1.5	10.2	0.0	0.0	10.2
Investment holdings in related undertakings	D.1.6	4.3	0.0	(3.7)	0.6
Unlisted equity investments	D.1.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4
Bonds	D.1.7	197.0	0.7	0.0	197.7
Other investments	D.1.7	3.2	2.0	0.0	5.2
Derivative assets	D.1.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
Insurance and intermediaries receivables	D.1.8	89.1	(84.1)	(0.4)	4.6
Receivables (trade, not insurance)	D.1.9	3.9	0.0	(1.1)	2.8
Cash and cash equivalents	D.1.10	48.4	(2.0)	0.0	46.4
Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	D.1.11	3.1	(0.7)	(0.1)	2.3
TOTAL ASSETS		376.5	(86.1)	(19.0)	271.4
Liabilities	Section				
Technical provisions	D.2	96.8	(78.9)	(16.1)	1.8
Deferred tax liabilities	D.1.4	0.0	(2.0)	2.8	0.8
Derivative liabilities	D.1.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
Insurance and intermediaries payables	D.3.1	0.9	0.5	0.1	1.5
Payables (trade, not insurance)	D.3.2	13.1	(5.7)	(0.1)	7.3
Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	D.3.3	13.5	0.0	0.1	13.6
TOTAL LIABILITIES		125.2	(86.1)	(13.2)	25.9
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		251.3	0.0	(5.8)	245.5

Simplyhealth Access

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2020

		Financial statements (UK GAAP)	Reclassification adjustments	Solvency II valuation adjustments	Solvency II
Assets	Section	£m	£m	£m	£m
Other intangible assets	D.1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred acquisition costs	D.1.3	3.1	0.0	(3.1)	0.0
Deferred tax assets	D.1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, plant and equipment held for own use	D.1.5	6.2	0.0	0.0	6.2
Investment holdings in related undertakings	D.1.6	1.1	0.0	(0.1)	1.0
Unlisted equity investments	D.1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds	D.1.7	197.0	0.7	0.0	197.7
Other investments	D.1.7	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
Derivative assets	D.1.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2
Insurance and intermediaries receivables	D.1.8	76.1	(73.6)	(0.4)	2.1
Receivables (trade, not insurance)	D.1.9	9.7	(9.3)	0.0	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents	D.1.10	23.1	(2.0)	0.0	21.1
Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	D.1.11	0.8	(0.7)	(0.1)	0.0
TOTAL ASSETS		318.3	(82.9)	(3.7)	231.7
Liabilities	Section				
Technical provisions	D.2	96.8	(78.9)	(16.6)	1.3
Deferred tax liabilities	D.1.4	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5
Derivative liabilities	D.1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Insurance and intermediaries payables	D.3.1	0.9	0.5	(0.1)	1.3
Payables (trade, not insurance)	D.3.2	14.9	(4.5)	0.1	10.5
Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	D.3.3	0.6	0.0	(0.1)	0.5
TOTAL LIABILITIES		113.3	(82.9)	(14.2)	16.2
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		205.0	0.0	10.5	215.5

D.1 Assets

D.1.1 Goodwill

Under UK GAAP, goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and businesses, representing any excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its expected useful economic life.

Under Solvency II, goodwill is given no economic value as it is not an identifiable and separable asset in the marketplace.

D.1.2 Other intangible assets

Intangible assets include items such as brands, customer relationships and computer software.

Under UK GAAP, intangible assets are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful economic lives and are assessed annually for impairment.

Under Solvency II, intangible assets are given no economic value if they cannot be traded in an active market.

D.1.3 Deferred acquisition costs

Costs relating to the acquisition of new insurance contracts that were deferred to the extent that they are expected to be recovered out of future margins are not allowable as an asset under the Solvency II regime. The economic value ascribed for solvency purposes is nil.

D.1.4 Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at that date.

Under UK GAAP, timing differences are differences between an entity's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. When the amount that can be deducted for tax for an asset (other than goodwill) or liability that is recognised in a business combination is different from the value at which it is recognised, a deferred tax asset or liability is recognised for the additional tax that will arise in respect of that difference. The amount attributed to goodwill is adjusted by the amount of deferred tax recognised.

For solvency purposes, timing differences are differences between the economic value of assets and liabilities on the Solvency II balance sheet and their tax base. The deferred tax valuation adjustment shown in the Solvency II balance sheet is primarily attributable to the recognition of expected future taxable profits in the technical provisions arising from temporary timing differences.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

D.1.5 Property, plant and equipment

Individual freehold properties are revalued to fair value every year at the accounting year-end under the revaluation model. Properties are valued by professional external valuers using the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (“RICS”) guidelines. The RICS guidelines apply separate assumptions to the value of the land, buildings and tenancy associated with each property. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific property.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life. Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated and are reviewed annually for indicators of impairment. Tangible fixed assets have not been re-measured for solvency purposes as its carrying value under UK GAAP is considered to be a proportionate approximation of its fair value.

D.1.6 Investment holdings in related undertakings

In the Simplyhealth Access financial statements, investment in subsidiaries is measured at historical cost less any provision for impairment. Under Solvency II, the economic value of related undertakings is determined using the adjusted equity method. This method requires the net assets of the underlying undertakings to be valued in accordance with Solvency II valuation principles on a ‘look-through’ basis. Goodwill, intangible assets and deferred acquisition costs within the underlying undertakings are given no value.

Entities in which the Group holds an interest and which are jointly controlled by the Group and one or more other venturers under a contractual arrangement are treated as joint ventures in the Simplyhealth Group financial statements. Under UK GAAP, the Group’s share of the results of joint ventures and associates is included in the Group statement of comprehensive income using the equity method of accounting.

Investments in joint ventures are carried in the Group statement of financial position at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group’s share of the net assets of the entity, less any impairment in value. For Solvency II a ‘look-through’ basis is applied.

Quoted prices in an active market are not available for any Group undertaking. This is a primary factor supporting the consolidated accounts of the group as a whole forming the basis of Solvency II calculations in alignment with the Consolidation method 1, under article 335 of the Delegated Acts. All submissions to EIOPA / PRA have been completed on this basis with no comments received upon the basis of calculation.

Solvency II Delegated Acts

Under Article 335 (see appendix A), companies should be consolidated within the “group” where;

- They are insurance companies;
- They are ancillary service companies in supporting the insurance undertaking; and
- They are financial holding companies of the parent undertaking.

D.1.7 Investments

Debt instruments, derivative assets and liabilities and equity shares in the investment portfolio are designated as fair value through profit and loss.

The Company uses derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and to reduce risk in aspects of the Company's investment activities. The Company uses forward foreign exchange contracts and fixed interest futures for these purposes.

The Company monitors its exposure to risks through regular reviews of its portfolio of assets and liabilities and their underlying characteristics. The Directors have chosen not to apply hedge accounting to the Company's derivatives.

The Company has designated debt instruments, derivative assets and liabilities, collective investment schemes and equity shares in its investment portfolio as fair value through profit and loss. All other financial assets and liabilities are held at amortised cost. Net gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the derivative financial instruments are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income within the heading 'Investment Returns'.

The Amendment to FRS 102 in respect of Fair Value Hierarchy Disclosures sets out the measurement bases that can be used to value financial assets and liabilities held at fair value. The different methods of valuation are categorised into a hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1: Assets and liabilities for which fair values have been measured using the unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that Simplyhealth can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

The following table analyses the investments held at fair value by the Group according to the above hierarchy:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Unlisted equity investments	-	-	0.4	0.4
Debt securities	-	197.7	-	197.7
Other investments	-	2.0	3.2	5.2
Derivative assets	0.1	1.1	-	1.2
Derivative liabilities	-	(0.1)	(0.8)	(0.9)
Total investments held at fair value	0.1	200.7	2.8	203.6

For solvency purposes, the following reclassification adjustments is made:

- Accrued interest is reclassified from 'any other assets, not elsewhere shown' to 'bonds'.

D.1.8 Insurance and intermediaries receivables

Simplyhealth accounts for its insurance business on a monthly or annual basis depending on the period of cover provided by the contract.

Under UK GAAP, insurance and intermediaries receivables are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment. For solvency purposes, insurance premium receivables that are not yet due for payment at the balance sheet date are reclassified as cash inflows within the technical provision. The remaining insurance receivables balance corresponds to the amount due for payment by policyholders. These are expected to be paid within one year.

D.1.9 Receivables (trade, not insurance)

Receivables (trade, not insurance) corresponds to receivables not related to the insurance business.

D.1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the financial statements consist of cash balances, deposits and other financial instruments with a maturity of less than 90 days from the date of deposit or purchase. This includes funds held on behalf of third parties that are not available for use by Simplyhealth.

Third-party funds held by the consolidated Simplyhealth Group comprise cash held on behalf of customers to administer claims under service contracts and are maintained in separate bank accounts. Following generally accepted industry practice, these amounts are disclosed separately within cash, with a corresponding creditor disclosed in 'payables (trade, not insurance)'. The inclusion of these funds on the balance sheet therefore has no impact on the net assets of the Group.

Other financial instruments that are cash equivalents for financial statements purposes but take the form of debt securities are reclassified as such for Solvency II.

Under Solvency II, cash and cash equivalents are valued at the amount payable on demand.

D.1.11 Any other assets, not elsewhere shown

Items included under this heading include prepayments and accrued interest receivable. The Solvency II valuation includes the reclassification of accrued interest to 'bonds'.

D.2 Technical provisions

Health (similar to non-life): Medical Expenses	SHG		SHA	
	At 31	At 31	At 31	At 31
	December	December	December	December
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Provision for unearned premiums	77.7	81.5	77.7	81.5
Provision for claims outstanding	19.1	16.2	19.1	16.2
Financial Statements (UK GAAP)	96.8	97.7	96.8	97.7
Insurance premium receivables not yet overdue	(84.5)	(85.6)	(84.5)	(85.6)
Insurance premium tax payable	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.3
Reclassification adjustments	(78.9)	(80.3)	(78.9)	(80.3)
Unearned premium economic adjustments	(36.0)	(34.6)	(36.0)	(34.6)
Provision for adverse development of claims	(0.8)	(1.2)	(0.8)	(1.2)
Events Not In Data (ENID) adjustments	3.7	7.6	3.7	7.6
Expense adjustments	15.1	9.7	14.6	11.3
Discounting adjustments	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
Risk margin	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
Solvency II valuation adjustments	(16.1)	(16.6)	(16.6)	(15.0)
Best estimate liability	(0.1)	(1.2)	(0.6)	0.4
Risk margin	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
Solvency II	1.8	0.8	1.3	2.4

Under Solvency II, technical provisions are valued in accordance with Article 77 of the Solvency II Directive 2009/138/EC. The Directive requires technical provisions to represent the current amount an insurer would have to pay for an immediate transfer of its obligations to another insurer calculated on a discounted cashflow basis.

Solvency II technical provisions are comprised of a best estimate liability and a risk margin. The best estimate liability is comprised of a claims provision and a premium provision.

The bases, methods and main assumptions used for the valuation of technical provisions are as follows:

Calculation basis

- Simplyhealth uses a going concern basis of calculation.
- Simplyhealth's insurance exposure is to a single line of business, 'Medical Expenses'.
- Technical provisions are estimated using a deterministic approach, in which outcomes are precisely determined through known relationships and best estimate assumptions using a mathematical model.

Segmentation

- Simplyhealth segments its insurance and reinsurance obligations into homogeneous risk groups and performs all key best estimate calculations at this level.

Data

- The data used in the calculation of technical provisions are considered to be complete, accurate and appropriate as defined in Article 19 of the Delegated Regulation 2015/35.

Best estimate

- The calculation of the best estimates is based upon up-to-date and credible information and realistic assumptions and is performed using adequate, applicable and relevant actuarial and statistical methods.
- The technical provision has been assessed on a best estimate basis, and is intended to represent the expected value over a reasonable range of estimates. As such, these estimates do not contain margins for prudence. An allowance is made for low-probability high-severity events beyond the range of reasonable foreseeable; this is referred to as Events not in Data ("ENID").
- The claims provision best estimate and premium provision best estimate are calculated separately as required for non-life insurance undertakings.
- The best estimates are calculated gross of reinsurances ceded as all reinsurances have been fully run-off.

Cash flow basis

- Technical provisions are calculated and projected on a cash flow basis, incorporating all expected cash inflows and outflows required to settle insurance obligations over their full lifetime.
- All cash flows are subject to discounting using the basic risk free rates published by EIOPA (without the matching adjustment and volatility adjustment). It is calculated on the assumption that cash flows occur midway through each year.

Expenses

- Expenses include all amounts that will be incurred servicing the obligations of the insurance contracts. This includes, but is not limited to, administrative expenses, investment management expenses, claims management expenses, insurance premium tax, and acquisition costs not yet incurred. The allocation of overheads is performed on a going concern basis, and as such, assumes contracts will run to their expected term and a proportion of expected future costs will be covered by future business.
- The expenses calculation is based upon the amount that another insurer is likely to incur if they were taking over the management of the business at the valuation date. This does not include costs associated with the transfer of business between insurers.

Level of uncertainty associated with the value of technical provisions

- Actuarial best estimates are subject to a degree of uncertainty due to the inherent limitation of one's ability to predict the aggregate course of future events. Sources of uncertainty include the frequency and severity of claims payments, claims settlement patterns, lapse rates and economic developments such as claims inflation which may lead to actual experience differing from that implied by these assumptions.
- There is a low level of uncertainty associated with the technical provision as Simplyhealth's insurance business is relatively short-tailed and exhibits a stable claims settlement pattern.

D.2.1 Claims provision best estimate

The Solvency II claims provision replaces the UK GAAP provision for outstanding claims.

The claims provision is equivalent to the discounted best estimate of all future cash flows relating to claim events arising prior to the valuation date.

The underlying claims best estimate is represented by a provision for claims incurred but not yet paid. This provision is determined using traditional actuarial techniques for health businesses including the Chain Ladder Method, and, for more recent incurred periods, blending this with a trended expected cost per member per month, (the Projection Method), adjusted for monthly seasonality. The main assumptions in the estimation of this liability relate to the expected frequency, severity and settlement patterns of claims; these are expected to be consistent with recently observed experiences and trends but may undergo adjustment, with the use of expert judgement, where appropriate. The basis and calculation of the estimate is reviewed annually against claims experience.

The material differences between the Solvency II and UK GAAP valuations are as follows:

- The UK GAAP valuation includes a provision for adverse development of claims costs. This is replaced in the Solvency II valuation by an ENID allowance.
- The UK GAAP valuation includes a provision for claims handling costs. This is replaced in the Solvency II valuation by an estimate of all future expenses that would be incurred servicing these obligations.
- The Solvency II valuation is discounted.

D.2.2 Premium provision best estimate

The Solvency II premium provision replaces the UK GAAP provision for unearned premium.

The provision for unearned premium represents the proportion of premiums written that relate to periods of risk in future accounting periods. It is calculated separately for each insurance contract and on a pro rata basis.

This premium provision, however, is equivalent to the discounted best estimate of all future cash flows relating to claims occurring after the valuation date and covering the unexpired exposure of existing contracts and committed but not incepted contracts. Negative premium provisions arise when the present value of future cash inflows exceed the present value of future cash outflows. Simplyhealth has negative premium provisions because its insurance premiums are primarily settled on a monthly basis and not at the inception or renewal of the policy.

The premium provision best estimate calculation consists of the following steps:

- Premiums connected to all future insurance obligations are projected until the contract boundary. This includes an adjustment for lapses and mid-term cancellations which are projected in line with business expectations.
- The underlying claims best estimate arising from these obligations is projected in line with historical claims experience and current expectations.
- An allowance is made for ENID. This includes allowance for hospitalisation effects under pandemic scenarios.
- An estimate is made of all future expenses that would be incurred servicing these obligations.
- Insurance premium receivables connected to the future premiums which are not overdue are included as a cash inflow.
- The cash flows are then discounted.

D.2.3 Risk Margin

The risk margin is the amount that another insurer taking on the liabilities at the valuation date would require over and above the best estimates. There is no equivalent provision under UK GAAP.

The risk margin is calculated by determining the cost of providing an amount of eligible own funds equal to the SCR necessary to support the obligations over their lifetime at a prescribed cost of capital rate of 6% per annum.

Future SCR's have been determined using the default method 1 risk margin calculation prescribed by EIOPA. This method involves an approximation of individual (sub)-risks within some or all (sub)-modules within the calculation of future SCR's.

The SCR takes the following risks into account: underwriting risk with respect to the transferred business, counterparty default risk with respect to the reinsurer, and operational risk.

D.3 Other liabilities

D.3.1 Insurance and intermediaries payables

Simplyhealth accounts for its insurance business on a monthly or annual basis depending on the period of cover provided by the contract.

Under UK GAAP, insurance and intermediaries payables are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. These are expected to be paid within one year.

D.3.2 Payables (trade, not insurance)

Payables (trade, not insurance) corresponds to payables not related to the insurance business. It is principally comprised of trade and sundry creditors, corporation tax and insurance premium tax. It also includes third party funds as described in section D.1.10 (cash and cash equivalents). Information on leasing arrangements is provided in section A.4 (performance of other activities).

For solvency purposes, insurance premium tax payable of £5.7m has been reclassified as cash outflows within the technical provisions.

D.3.3 Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown

Items included under this heading include accruals.

D.4 Alternative methods for valuation

Level 3 investments comprise unlisted equity holdings and short term loans and are held at historical cost, which is in-line with their fair value.

D.5 Any other information

There is no further material information regarding the valuation of assets and liabilities for solvency purposes.

E. Capital Management

E.1 Own funds

E.1.1 Management of own funds

The Group manages its capital on both economic and regulatory bases to ensure it has sufficient funds to meet its business objectives, the promises made to policyholders and regulatory requirements.

The Capital Management Policy seeks to optimise the balance between risk and return while maintaining economic and regulatory capital within the Group's risk appetite. This policy guides the definition, measurement, reporting and projection of capital, assessing the current and potential sources and uses of capital.

The Chief Financial Officer owns the Capital Management Policy on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Board owns and agrees the definition of the Group's risk appetite. Governance over the implementation and operation of capital management is provided by the Risk and Capital Committee, a sub-committee of the Board.

The Group maintains a solvency capital position which is the higher of the SCR and the ORSA estimate of the capital requirement. In addition, a capital buffer is held to provide a margin of safety against an unforeseen event(s) which could result in a breach of the SCR. This approach increases the confidence that the Group will operate at a capital level that is in line with the Group's risk appetite.

Capital above this buffer comprises resources which may be allocated to continued investment in the development of the Group's operations, subject to its risk appetite and targeted rates of return on capital. The Group sets a target rate of return for investment proposals to qualify for funding. Certain projects will also be undertaken to support risk management, improvement in processes and/or compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Group calculates and assesses its regulatory capital position, including the Solvency II SCR Coverage Ratio, on a quarterly basis. The Group's business plan is developed on an annual basis covering a three-year time horizon. The plan includes the projection of SCR and own funds estimates over the same period. A ten-year plan is also developed on a periodic basis which is used as a reference point to assess the performance trajectory of the Group against its long-term strategic goals. The development of significant business ventures is supported by detailed economic and financial business plan models.

There were no material changes in the capital management objective, policies or procedures during the reporting period.

E.1.2 Components of own funds

The Group's Capital Management policy sets out the following minimum thresholds in order to maintain the loss absorbing capacity of own funds:

- A minimum 50% of the SCR must be covered by Tier 1 own funds.
- Restricted Tier 1 own funds will constitute less than 20% of the Total Tier 1 own funds used to cover the SCR and Minimum Capital Requirement ("MCR").
- A maximum of 15% of the SCR will have a Tier 3 capital classification.

Simplyhealth maintains an appropriate level of capital within each tier to remain compliant with the thresholds allowable under Solvency II.

Capital tier	Details	SHG		SHA	
		At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m
Unrestricted tier 1	Share capital and reserves	245.5	210.8	215.5	185.1
Tier 3	Deferred tax	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Eligible basic own funds to cover the MCR		245.5	210.8	215.5	185.1
Eligible own funds to cover the SCR		245.5	211.1	215.5	185.3

Own funds, within each undertaking in the Group, are principally comprised of retained reserves. Retained reserves is classified as unrestricted Tier 1 capital as it is available, or can be called upon demand, to fully absorb losses on a going-concern basis, as well as in the case of winding-up (permanent availability). The Group's own funds have been calculated net of any intra-group transactions using the default accounting consolidation-based method (method 1). Please refer to Quantitative Reporting Template ("QRT") S.32.01.22 for the specific treatment applied to each undertaking.

Simplyhealth's own funds are not subject to transitional arrangements, nor does it have any ancillary own funds (committed but unpaid lines of capital).

Simplyhealth Group Limited is subject to a £5,000 deduction on its own funds arising from a local capital requirement to conduct other regulated activities within the Simplyhealth Funding Services Limited undertaking. There are no other restrictions affecting the availability, transferability or fungibility of own funds in any undertaking across the Group.

E.1.3 Reconciliation of UK GAAP equity to Solvency II eligible own funds

	SHG		SHA	
	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m
UK GAAP equity per audited financial statements	251.3	235.8	205.0	178.9
Inadmissible asset: Goodwill and intangible assets	(12.8)	(28.2)	0.0	(0.8)
Inadmissible asset: Deferred acquisition costs	(0.9)	(0.8)	(3.1)	(2.9)
Adjust technical provisions to Solvency II basis	15.6	13.3	16.1	11.7
Deferred tax valuation adjustments	(2.8)	(2.1)	(2.4)	(1.5)
Investment valuation adjustments	(3.7)	(6.9)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Other asset valuation adjustments	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvency II eligible own funds	245.5	211.1	215.5	185.3

E.2 Solvency Capital Requirement and Minimum Capital Requirement

Simplyhealth has used the Standard Formula, as defined in the Delegated Regulation, to calculate the SCR and MCR without undertaking-specific parameters or simplifications.

The Group SCR is calculated using the accounting consolidation-based method (method 1). There are no material diversification effects at Group level as Simplyhealth Access is the only insurance undertaking within the Group and it dominates the consolidated result.

A breakdown of the SCR by risk module is given below. The final amount of the SCR is subject to supervisory assessment.

	SHG		SHA	
	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m	At 31 December 2020 £m	At 31 December 2019 £m
Risk modules				
Health underwriting risk	35.7	36.4	35.4	35.9
Counterparty default risk	6.6	3.9	3.2	3.2
Market risk	10.4	10.2	8.8	9.8
Diversification credit	(10.7)	(9.0)	(7.8)	(8.4)
Basic SCR requirement	42.0	41.5	39.6	40.5
Operational risk	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4
Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR)	48.3	47.9	45.9	46.9
Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR)	11.5	11.7	11.5	11.7

SCR has remained broadly unchanged over the reporting period at both the Group and Regulated Entity levels.

The PRA has made use of the option not to require the entities in its jurisdiction to disclose the capital add-on (if any) during a transitional period ending 31 December 2020.

The MCR is pre-determined within the Solvency II legislation and corresponds to an amount of eligible basic own funds below which policyholders and beneficiaries are exposed to an unacceptable level of risk if insurance undertakings were allowed to continue their operations. The MCR is calibrated to the Value-at-Risk of the basic own funds of an insurance undertaking subject to a confidence level of 85% over a one year period. The MCR for insurance undertakings is based upon a proportion of the best estimate liability and written premiums, and is subject to a minimum value of 25% of the SCR or a maximum value of 45% of the SCR. The inputs used for this calculation are shown in the QRT S.28.01.01. The MCR at group level, also referred to as minimum consolidated Group SCR, is the sum of the MCR's calculated for insurance undertakings within the Group.

Where there is a systematic approach to manage volatility through risk mitigation techniques the Solvency capital requirement has been calculated in accordance with Articles 209-215 of the Solvency II Directive.

E.3 Use of the duration-based equity risk sub-module in the calculation of the Solvency Capital Requirement

The duration-based equity risk module, as described in Article 304 of the Solvency II Directive 2009/138/EC, is not used to calculate the SCR as Simplyhealth does not write retirement provision business.

E.4 Differences between the standard formula and any internal model used

Simplyhealth does not use an internal model to calculate the SCR.

E.5 Non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement and non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement

Simplyhealth was compliant with the MCR and SCR throughout the reporting period.

E.6 Any other information

There is no further material information regarding the capital management of the Group or Simplyhealth Access.

Appendix

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the SFCR in accordance with the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA) rules and SII Regulations.

The PRA Rulebook for SII firms in Rule 6.1(2) and Rule 6.2(1) of the Reporting Part requires that the Group must have in place a written policy ensuring the ongoing appropriateness of any information disclosed and that the Group must ensure that its SFCR is subject to approval by the Directors.

Each of the Directors, whose names and functions are listed in the Board of Directors section of the Report & Accounts, confirms that, to the best of their knowledge:

- ▮ Throughout the financial year in question, the Group and its solo insurance undertakings have complied in all material respects with the requirements of the PRA rules and SII Regulations as applicable; and
- ▮ It is reasonable to believe that, at the date of the publication of the SFCR, the Group and its solo insurance undertakings continue so to comply, and will continue so to comply in future.

By Order of the Board

Debbie Beaven

Debbie Beaven, Chief Financial Officer

26 April 2021

REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE DIRECTORS OF SIMPLYHEALTH GROUP LIMITED ('THE GROUP') PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1 (2) OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT CHAPTER OF THE PRA RULEBOOK APPLICABLE TO SOLVENCY II FIRMS

Report on the Audit of the relevant elements of the Single Group Solvency and Financial Condition Report ("SFCR")

Opinion

Except as stated below, we have audited the following documents prepared by the Group as at 31 December 2020:

- the 'Valuation for Solvency Purposes' and 'Capital Management' sections of the Single Group SFCR of the Group as at 31 December 2020 ('the Narrative Disclosures subject to audit');
- Group templates S.02.01.02, S.23.01.22, S.25.01.22 and S32.01.22 ('the Group Templates subject to audit'); and
- Solo templates S.02.01.02, S.17.01.02, S.23.01.01, S.25.01.21 and S.28.01.01 in respect of Simplyhealth Access ('the Solo Templates subject to audit');

The Narrative Disclosures subject to audit, the Solo Templates subject to audit and the Group Templates subject to audit are collectively referred to as the 'relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR'.

We are not required to audit, nor have we audited, and as a consequence do not express an opinion on the Other Information which comprises:

- the 'Executive summary', 'Business and performance', 'System of governance' and 'Risk profile' elements of the Single Group SFCR;
- Group templates S.05.01.02, S.05.02.01;
- Solo templates S.05.01.02, S.05.02.01, S.19.01.21;
- the written acknowledgement by management of their responsibilities, including for the preparation of the Single Group SFCR ('the Responsibility Statement').

To the extent the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR includes amounts that are totals, sub-totals or calculations derived from the Other Information, we have relied without verification on the Other Information.

In our opinion, the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR as at 31 December 2020 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based, as modified by relevant supervisory modifications, and as supplemented by supervisory approvals and determinations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), including ISA (UK) 800 and ISA (UK) 805. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the relevant elements of the Single Solvency and Financial Condition Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Single Group SFCR in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to the 'Valuation for Solvency Purposes' and 'Capital Management' sections of the Single Group SFCR, which describe the basis of accounting. The Single Group SFCR is prepared in compliance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations, and therefore in accordance with a special purpose financial reporting framework. The Single Group SFCR is required to be published, and intended users include but are not limited to the PRA. As a result, the Single Group SFCR may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the Single Group SFCR, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Single Group SFCR is appropriate.

Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the Group's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- We obtained an understanding of the relevant controls relating to management's going concern assessment process.
- We evaluated management's going concern assessment in light of COVID-19; this included obtaining evidence such as underlying business plans and forecasts to support the key assumptions in management's assessment.
- We assessed management's reverse stress testing and the likelihood of the various scenarios that could adversely impact upon the Group's liquidity and solvency headroom.
- We assessed the ORSA ("Own Risk and Solvency Assessment") to support our understanding of the key risks faced by the Group and its ability to continue as a going concern.
- We obtained and assessed correspondence between the Group and its regulators, the FCA and PRA, as well as reviewing the Board of Directors, Audit Committee and Risk Committee meeting minutes, to identify any items of interest which could potentially indicate either non-compliance with legislation or potential litigation or regulatory action held against the Group.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the Single Group SFCR is authorised for issue.

Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR does not cover the Other Information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the Other Information and, in doing so, consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR themselves. 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 in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Single Solvency and Financial Condition Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Single Group SFCR in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA rules and Solvency II regulations which have been modified by the modifications, and supplemented by the approvals and determinations made by the PRA under section 138A of FSMA, the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based.

The Directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a Single Group SFCR that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the relevant elements of the Single Solvency and Financial Condition Report

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR are prepared, in all material respects, with financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it 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 decision making or the judgement of the users taken on the basis of the Single Group SFCR.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. The same responsibilities apply to the audit of the Single Group SFCR.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the Group's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Group's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management, internal audit, risk, compliance and the Audit Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Group operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the Single Group SFCR. These included Solvency II as implemented in the UK, pensions legislation and tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the Single Group SFCR but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included Companies Act 2006 and related Company Law and the wider regulations of the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority.

We discussed among the audit engagement team including tax, actuarial, IT and financial instrument specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following area, and our specific procedures performed to address it are described below:

- The risk identified was the completeness of Events Not in Data (“ENIDs”). The procedures to address this risk included:
 - Obtaining an understanding of the process for determining and modelling the ENIDs and assessing the design and implementation of the key controls governing this process.
 - Involving internal actuarial specialists to:
 - Assess the methodology and approach adopted for determining the ENIDs
 - Assess the appropriateness of the ENID methodology compared with market practice and Solvency II requirements

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the Single Group SFCR disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management, the Audit Committee and in-house legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal audit reports and reviewing correspondence with the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with Rule 4.1 (3) of the External Audit Chapter of the PRA Rulebook for Solvency II firms we are required to consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit of the Group’s statutory financial statements. 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 in relation to this matter.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the Directors of Simplyhealth Group Limited and Simplyhealth Access in accordance with Rule 4.1 (2) of the External Audit Chapter of the PRA Rulebook for Solvency II firms. We acknowledge that our report will be provided to the PRA for the use of the PRA solely for the purposes set down by statute and the PRA's rules. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the insurer's Directors matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report on the relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and the PRA, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrew Holland, FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory auditor

Bristol, United Kingdom

26 April 2021

Appendix – relevant elements of the Single Solvency and Financial Condition Report that are not subject to audit

The relevant elements of the Single Group SFCR that are not subject to audit comprise:

- Elements of the Narrative Disclosures subject to audit identified as ‘unaudited’.

Group Quantitative Reporting Templates

Simplyhealth Group Limited

General information

Participating undertaking name
Group identification code
Type of code of group
Country of the group supervisor
Language of reporting
Reporting reference date
Currency used for reporting
Accounting standards
Method of Calculation of the group SCR
Method of group solvency calculation
Matching adjustment
Volatility adjustment
Transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
Transitional measure on technical provisions

Simplyhealth Group Limited
213800RMKBQM55BCRM77
LEI
GB
EN
31 December 2020
GBP
Local GAAP
Standard formula
Method 1 is used exclusively
No use of matching adjustment
No use of volatility adjustment
No use of transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
No use of transitional measure on technical provisions

List of reported templates

S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet
S.05.01.02 - Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business
S.05.02.01 - Premiums, claims and expenses by country
S.23.01.22 - Own Funds
S.25.01.22 - Solvency Capital Requirement - for groups on Standard Formula
S.32.01.22 - Undertakings in the scope of the group

All figures are presented in thousands of pounds with the exception of ratios that are in decimal.

Please note that totals may differ from the component parts due to rounding.

S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet

		Solvency II value
Assets		C0010
R0030	Intangible assets	0
R0040	Deferred tax assets	0
R0050	Pension benefit surplus	0
R0060	Property, plant & equipment held for own use	10,223
R0070	Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)	205,125
R0080	<i>Property (other than for own use)</i>	0
R0090	<i>Holdings in related undertakings, including participations</i>	621
R0100	<i>Equities</i>	445
R0110	<i>Equities – listed</i>	0
R0120	<i>Equities – unlisted</i>	445
R0130	<i>Bonds</i>	197,733
R0140	<i>Government Bonds</i>	104,892
R0150	<i>Corporate Bonds</i>	92,841
R0160	<i>Structured notes</i>	0
R0170	<i>Collateralised securities</i>	0
R0180	<i>Collective Investments Undertakings</i>	0
R0190	<i>Derivatives</i>	1,166
R0200	<i>Deposits other than cash equivalents</i>	0
R0210	<i>Other investments</i>	5,160
R0220	Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	0
R0230	Loans and mortgages	0
R0240	<i>Loans on policies</i>	0
R0250	<i>Loans and mortgages to individuals</i>	0
R0260	<i>Other loans and mortgages</i>	0
R0270	Reinsurance recoverables from:	0
R0280	<i>Non-life and health similar to non-life</i>	0
R0290	<i>Non-life excluding health</i>	0
R0300	<i>Health similar to non-life</i>	0
R0310	<i>Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked</i>	0
R0320	<i>Health similar to life</i>	0
R0330	<i>Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked</i>	0
R0340	<i>Life index-linked and unit-linked</i>	0
R0350	Deposits to cedants	0
R0360	Insurance and intermediaries receivables	4,531
R0370	Reinsurance receivables	0
R0380	Receivables (trade, not insurance)	2,817
R0390	Own shares (held directly)	0
R0400	Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in	0
R0410	Cash and cash equivalents	46,425
R0420	Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	2,272
R0500	Total assets	271,393

S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet (continued)

		Solvency II value
Liabilities		C0010
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	1,828
R0520	<i>Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)</i>	0
R0530	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0540	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0550	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0560	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)</i>	1,828
R0570	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0580	<i>Best Estimate</i>	(95)
R0590	<i>Risk margin</i>	1,923
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	0
R0610	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to life)</i>	0
R0620	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0630	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0640	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0650	<i>Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)</i>	0
R0660	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0670	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0680	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	0
R0700	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0710	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0720	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	0
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	0
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	0
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	792
R0790	Derivatives	904
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	1,454
R0830	Reinsurance payables	0
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	7,356
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	0
R0860	<i>Subordinated liabilities not in BOF</i>	0
R0870	<i>Subordinated liabilities in BOF</i>	0
R0880	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	13,589
R0900	Total liabilities	25,923
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	245,470

S.05.01.02 - Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business

Non-life		Medical expense insurance	Total
		C0010	C0200
Premiums written			
R0110	Gross - Direct Business	207,089	207,089
R0120	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0130	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0140	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0200	Net	207,089	207,089
Premiums earned			
R0210	Gross - Direct Business	210,926	210,926
R0220	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0230	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0240	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0300	Net	210,926	210,926
Claims incurred			
R0310	Gross - Direct Business	113,478	113,478
R0320	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0330	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0340	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0400	Net	113,478	113,478
Changes in other technical provisions			
R0410	Gross - Direct Business	0	0
R0420	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0430	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0440	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0500	Net	0	0
R0550	Expenses incurred	55,488	55,488
R1200	Other expenses		0
R1300	Total expenses		55,488

S.05.02.01 - Premiums, claims and expenses by country

R0010	Non-life	C0010	C0070
		Home Country	Total Top 5 and home country
		C0080	C0140
	Premiums written		
R0110	Gross - Direct Business	207,089	207,089
R0120	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0130	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0140	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0200	Net	207,089	207,089
	Premiums earned		
R0210	Gross - Direct Business	210,926	210,926
R0220	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0230	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0240	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0300	Net	210,926	210,926
	Claims incurred		
R0310	Gross - Direct Business	113,478	113,478
R0320	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0330	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0340	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0400	Net	113,478	113,478
	Changes in other technical provisions		
R0410	Gross - Direct Business	0	0
R0420	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0430	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0440	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0500	Net	0	0
R0550	Expenses incurred	55,488	55,488
R1200	Other expenses		0
R1300	Total expenses		55,488

S.23.01.22 - Own Funds

Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector

R0010	Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares)
R0020	<i>Non-available called but not paid in ordinary share capital at group level</i>
R0030	Share premium account related to ordinary share capital
R0040	Initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own-fund item for mutual and mutual-type undertakings
R0050	Subordinated mutual member accounts
R0060	<i>Non-available subordinated mutual member accounts at group level</i>
R0070	Surplus funds
R0080	<i>Non-available surplus funds at group level</i>
R0090	Preference shares
R0100	<i>Non-available preference shares at group level</i>
R0110	Share premium account related to preference shares
R0120	<i>Non-available share premium account related to preference shares at group level</i>
R0130	Reconciliation reserve
R0140	Subordinated liabilities
R0150	<i>Non-available subordinated liabilities at group level</i>
R0160	An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets
R0170	<i>The amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets not available at the group level</i>
R0180	Other items approved by supervisory authority as basic own funds not specified above
R0190	<i>Non available own funds related to other own funds items approved by supervisory authority</i>
R0200	Minority interests (if not reported as part of a specific own fund item)
R0210	<i>Non-available minority interests at group level</i>

R0220 Own funds from the financial statements that should not be represented by the reconciliation reserve and do not meet the criteria to be classified as Solvency II own funds

R0230 Deductions for participations in other financial undertakings, including non-regulated undertakings carrying out financial activities

R0240 *whereof deducted according to art 228 of the Directive 2009/138/EC*

R0250 Deductions for participations where there is non-availability of information (Article 229)

R0260 Deduction for participations included by using D&A when a combination of methods is used

R0270 **Total of non-available own fund items**

R0280 **Total deductions**

R0290 **Total basic own funds after deductions**

Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 1 restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	0
0	0			
0	0			
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	0
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245,470	245,470			
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5	5	0	0	0
245,465	245,465	0	0	0

S.23.01.22 - Own Funds (continued)

Ancillary own funds

R0300	Unpaid and uncalled ordinary share capital callable on demand
R0310	Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand
R0320	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand
R0330	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand
R0340	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0350	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0360	Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0370	Supplementary members calls - other than under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0380	Non available ancillary own funds at group level
R0390	Other ancillary own funds
R0400	Total ancillary own funds

Own funds of other financial sectors

R0410	Credit Institutions, investment firms, financial institutions, alternative investment fund manager, financial institutions
R0420	Institutions for occupational retirement provision
R0430	Non regulated entities carrying out financial activities
R0440	Total own funds of other financial sectors

Own funds when using the D&A, exclusively or in combination of method 1

R0450	Own funds aggregated when using the D&A and combination of method
R0460	Own funds aggregated when using the D&A and combination of method net of IGT

R0520	Total available own funds to meet the consolidated group SCR (excluding own funds from other financial sector and from the undertakings included via D&A)
R0530	Total available own funds to meet the minimum consolidated group SCR
R0560	Total eligible own funds to meet the consolidated group SCR (excluding own funds from other financial sector and from the undertakings included via D&A)
R0570	Total eligible own funds to meet the minimum consolidated group SCR (group)

Minimum consolidated Group SCR

Ratio of Eligible own funds to Minimum Consolidated Group SCR

R0660	Total eligible own funds to meet the group SCR (including own funds from other financial sector and from the undertakings included via D&A)
R0680	Group SCR

Ratio of Eligible own funds to group SCR including other financial sectors and the undertakings included via D&A

Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 1 restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
0			0	
0			0	
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	
0			0	0
0			0	
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0

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0	0	0	0	
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0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

245,465	245,465	0	0	0
245,465	245,465	0	0	
245,465	245,465	0	0	0
245,465	245,465	0	0	

11,480				
2,138.18%				
245,465	245,465	0	0	0
48,317				
508.03%				

	Reconciliation reserve	C0060
R0700	Excess of assets over liabilities	245,470
R0710	Own shares (held directly and indirectly)	0
R0720	Foreseeable dividends, distributions and charges	0
R0730	Other basic own fund items	0
R0740	Adjustment for restricted own fund items in respect of matching adjustment portfolios and ring fenced funds	0
R0750	Other non-available own funds	0
R0760	Reconciliation reserve	245,470
	Expected profits	
R0770	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Life business	0
R0780	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Non- life business	15,115
R0790	Total Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP)	15,115

S.25.01.22 - Solvency Capital Requirement - for groups on Standard Formula

	Gross solvency capital requirement	USP	Simplifications
	C0110	C0080	C0090
R0010 Market risk	10,367		9
R0020 Counterparty default risk	6,612		
R0030 Life underwriting risk	0		
R0040 Health underwriting risk	35,701	9	9
R0050 Non-life underwriting risk	0		
R0060 Diversification	(10,691)		
R0070 Intangible asset risk	0		
R0100 Basic Solvency Capital Requirement	41,989		
Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement	C0100		
R0130 Operational risk	6,328		
R0140 Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	0		
R0150 Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	0		
R0160 Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	0		
R0200 Solvency Capital Requirement excluding capital add-on	48,317		
R0210 Capital add-ons already set	0		
R0220 Solvency capital requirement for undertakings under consolidated method	48,317		
Other information on SCR			
R0400 Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module	0		
R0410 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	0		
R0420 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds	0		
R0430 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for matching adjustment portfolios	0		
R0440 Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	0		
R0470 Minimum consolidated group solvency capital requirement	11,480		
Information on other entities			
R0500 Capital requirement for other financial sectors (Non-insurance capital requirements)	0		
R0510 <i>Credit institutions, investment firms and financial institutions, alternative investment funds managers, UCITS management companies</i>	0		
R0520 <i>Institutions for occupational retirement provisions</i>	0		
R0530 <i>Capital requirement for non-regulated entities carrying out financial activities</i>	0		
R0540 Capital requirement for non-controlled participation requirements	0		
R0550 Capital requirement for residual undertakings	0		
Overall SCR			
R0560 SCR for undertakings included via D&A	0		
R0570 Solvency capital requirement	48,317		

S.32.01.22 - Undertakings in the scope of the group

													Criteria of influence			Inclusion in the scope of Group supervision		Group solvency calculation	
Cou ntry	Identification code of the undertaking	Type of code of the ID of the undertakin g	Legal Name of the undertaking	Type of undertaking	Legal form	Category (mutual/no n mutual)	Supervisory Authority	% capital share	% used for the establishmen t of consolidated accounts	% voting rights	Other criteri a	Level of influence	Proportiona l share used for group solvency calculation	YES/NO	Date of decisio n if art. 214 is applied	Method used and under method 1, treatment of the undertaking			
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050	C0060	C0070	C0080	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210	C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260			
GB	213800RMKB QM55BCRM77	LEI	Simplyhealth Group Limited	Insurance holding company as defined in Article 212(1) (f) of Directive 2009/138/EC	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None							Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380004EQ IDJORG2I30	LEI	Simplyhealth Access	Non-life insurance undertaking	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	Prudential Regulation Authority	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800IWOR FTLU23G981	LEI	Denplan Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	Financial Conduct Authority	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380055UH OV14N66Z40	LEI	Simplyhealth Partnerships Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380079AE QNY2HIYH04	LEI	Leeds Hospital Fund	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800J1IJ GBV5SJXV94	LEI	Simplyhealth Business Services Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380082WL 8PCGRNF629	LEI	Simplyhealth Funding Services Limited	Credit institution, investment firm and financial institution	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	Financial Conduct Authority	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380098D8 MES2KKVN41	LEI	Simplyhealth Guidance Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800AC4T SSNV14Q244	LEI	Simplyhealth Holdings Limited	Insurance holding company as defined in Article 212(1) (f) of Directive 2009/138/EC	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800NYSS IRGDFS9522	LEI	Simplyhealth Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800V8HR R3L4HUR462	LEI	Simplyhealth Nominees Limited	Insurance holding company as defined in Article 212(1) (f) of Directive 2009/138/EC	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800GWO6 QO64WBV775	LEI	Simplyhealth People Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800NBJ8 V6KTKKSK83	LEI	Simplyhealth Wellbeing Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800LVGQ MD8A1DT388	LEI	Care & Mobility (Midlands) Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	213800TMCN NLDANE835	LEI	Care & Mobility UK Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	2138002SRWZB 5PJRV67	LEI	Totally Active Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	None	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380055UH OV14N66Z40/ GB00001	Specific Code	Mapplewell Dental Centre LLP	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Limited Liability Partnership	Non-mutual	None	n/a	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			
GB	21380055UH OV14N66Z40/ GB00002	Specific Code	Holmbush One LLP	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Limited Liability Partnership	Non-mutual	None	n/a	100.00%	100.00%		Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation			

Solo Quantitative Reporting Templates

Simplyhealth Access

General information

Undertaking name	Simplyhealth Access
Undertaking identification code	213800O4EQIDJORG2I30
Type of code of undertaking	LEI
Type of undertaking	Non-life undertakings
Country of authorisation	GB
Language of reporting	EN
Reporting reference date	31 December 2020
Currency used for reporting	GBP
Accounting standards	Local GAAP
Method of Calculation of the SCR	Standard formula
Matching adjustment	No use of matching adjustment
Volatility adjustment	No use of volatility adjustment
Transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate	No use of transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
Transitional measure on technical provisions	No use of transitional measure on technical provisions

List of reported templates

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All figures are presented in thousands of pounds with the exception of ratios that are in decimal.

Please note that totals may differ from the component parts due to rounding.

S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet

		Solvency II value
Assets		C0010
R0030	Intangible assets	0
R0040	Deferred tax assets	0
R0050	Pension benefit surplus	0
R0060	Property, plant & equipment held for own use	6,220
R0070	Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)	201,933
R0080	<i>Property (other than for own use)</i>	0
R0090	<i>Holdings in related undertakings, including participations</i>	1,014
R0100	<i>Equities</i>	20
R0110	<i>Equities - listed</i>	0
R0120	<i>Equities - unlisted</i>	20
R0130	<i>Bonds</i>	197,733
R0140	<i>Government Bonds</i>	104,892
R0150	<i>Corporate Bonds</i>	92,841
R0160	<i>Structured notes</i>	0
R0170	<i>Collateralised securities</i>	0
R0180	<i>Collective Investments Undertakings</i>	0
R0190	<i>Derivatives</i>	1,166
R0200	<i>Deposits other than cash equivalents</i>	0
R0210	<i>Other investments</i>	2,000
R0220	Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	0
R0230	Loans and mortgages	0
R0240	<i>Loans on policies</i>	0
R0250	<i>Loans and mortgages to individuals</i>	0
R0260	<i>Other loans and mortgages</i>	0
R0270	Reinsurance recoverables from:	0
R0280	<i>Non-life and health similar to non-life</i>	0
R0290	<i>Non-life excluding health</i>	0
R0300	<i>Health similar to non-life</i>	0
R0310	<i>Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked</i>	0
R0320	<i>Health similar to life</i>	0
R0330	<i>Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked</i>	0
R0340	<i>Life index-linked and unit-linked</i>	0
R0350	Deposits to cedants	0
R0360	Insurance and intermediaries receivables	2,094
R0370	Reinsurance receivables	0
R0380	Receivables (trade, not insurance)	379
R0390	Own shares (held directly)	0
R0400	Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in	0
R0410	Cash and cash equivalents	21,097
R0420	Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	0
R0500	Total assets	231,723

S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet (continued)

		Solvency II value
		C0010
Liabilities		
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	1,316
R0520	<i>Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)</i>	0
R0530	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0540	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0550	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0560	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)</i>	1,316
R0570	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0580	<i>Best Estimate</i>	(607)
R0590	<i>Risk margin</i>	1,923
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	0
R0610	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to life)</i>	0
R0620	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0630	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0640	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0650	<i>Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)</i>	0
R0660	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0670	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0680	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	0
R0700	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0710	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0720	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	0
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	0
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	0
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	2,462
R0790	Derivatives	99
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	1,364
R0830	Reinsurance payables	0
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	10,512
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	0
R0860	<i>Subordinated liabilities not in BOF</i>	0
R0870	<i>Subordinated liabilities in BOF</i>	0
R0880	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	486
R0900	Total liabilities	16,239
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	215,484

S.05.01.02 - Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business

Non-life		Medical expense insurance	Total
		C0010	C0200
Premiums written			
R0110	Gross - Direct Business	207,089	207,089
R0120	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0130	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0140	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0200	Net	207,089	207,089
Premiums earned			
R0210	Gross - Direct Business	210,926	210,926
R0220	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0230	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0240	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0300	Net	210,926	210,926
Claims incurred			
R0310	Gross - Direct Business	113,478	113,478
R0320	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0330	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0340	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0400	Net	113,478	113,478
Changes in other technical provisions			
R0410	Gross - Direct Business	0	0
R0420	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0430	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted		0
R0440	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0500	Net	0	0
R0550	Expenses incurred	68,280	68,280
R1200	Other expenses		0
R1300	Total expenses		68,280

S.05.02.01 - Premiums, claims and expenses by country

		C0010	C0070
		Home Country	Total Top 5 and home country
		C0080	C0140
R0010	Non-life		
	Premiums written		
R0110	Gross - Direct Business	207,089	207,089
R0120	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0130	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0140	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0200	Net	207,089	207,089
	Premiums earned		
R0210	Gross - Direct Business	210,926	210,926
R0220	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0230	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0240	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0300	Net	210,926	210,926
	Claims incurred		
R0310	Gross - Direct Business	113,478	113,478
R0320	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0330	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0340	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0400	Net	113,478	113,478
	Changes in other technical provisions		
R0410	Gross - Direct Business	0	0
R0420	Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0430	Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	0	0
R0440	Reinsurers' share	0	0
R0500	Net	0	0
R0550	Expenses incurred	68,280	68,280
R1200	Other expenses		0
R1300	Total expenses		68,280

S.17.01.02 - Non-Life Technical Provisions

		Direct business and accepted proportional reinsurance	Total Non-Life obligation
		Medical expense insurance	
		C0020	C0180
R0010	Technical provisions calculated as a whole	0	0
R0050	Total Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default associated to TP calculated as a whole	0	0
Technical provisions calculated as a sum of BE and RM			
Best estimate			
Premium provisions			
R0060	Gross	(18,954)	(18,954)
R0140	Total recoverable from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default	0	0
R0150	Net Best Estimate of Premium Provisions	(18,954)	(18,954)
Claims provisions			
R0160	Gross	18,347	18,347
R0240	Total recoverable from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default	0	0
R0250	Net Best Estimate of Claims Provisions	18,347	18,347
R0260	Total best estimate - gross	(607)	(607)
R0270	Total best estimate - net	(607)	(607)
R0280	Risk margin	1,923	1,923
Amount of the transitional on Technical Provisions			
R0290	Technical Provisions calculated as a whole	0	0
R0300	Best estimate	0	0
R0310	Risk margin	0	0
R0320	Technical provisions - total	1,316	1,316
R0330	Recoverable from reinsurance contract/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default - total	0	0
R0340	Technical provisions minus recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re - total	1,316	1,316

S.19.01.21 - Non-Life insurance claims

Total Non-life business

Z0010

Accident year / underwriting year

Accident Year

Gross Claims Paid (non-cumulative) (absolute amount)												
	C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050	C0060	C0070	C0080	C0090	C0100	C0110	
Year	Development year											C0170 In Current year
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 & +	
R0100	Prior										22	22
R0160	N-9	234,518	25,542	417	80	79	53	25	23	12	6	6
R0170	N-8	286,288	31,945	625	241	100	47	29	19	11		11
R0180	N-7	244,118	32,937	891	232	75	46	34	19			19
R0190	N-6	241,664	29,571	921	217	115	57	22				22
R0200	N-5	245,019	24,255	750	206	94	34					34
R0210	N-4	192,105	15,286	675	196	58						58
R0220	N-3	139,105	13,892	658	136							136
R0230	N-2	135,391	12,599	524								524
R0240	N-1	138,102	10,722									10,722
R0250	N	99,067										99,067
R0260												Total 110,621
												29,783
												260,756
												319,306
												278,352
												272,568
												270,358
												208,321
												153,791
												148,514
												148,824
												99,067
												2,198,640

Gross undiscounted Best Estimate Claims Provisions (absolute amount)												
	C0200	C0210	C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260	C0270	C0280	C0290	C0300	
Year	Development year											Year end (discounted data) C0360
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 & +	
R0100	Prior										0	
R0160	N-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
R0170	N-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
R0180	N-7	0	0	0	30	0	0	0				0
R0190	N-6	0	0	219	33	0	0	0				0
R0200	N-5	0	967	202	39	0	0					0
R0210	N-4	17,551	832	217	43	0						0
R0220	N-3	16,516	893	249	28							28
R0230	N-2	15,072	950	155								155
R0240	N-1	14,449	700									701
R0250	N	17,454										17,463
R0260												Total 18,347

S.23.01.01 - Own Funds

Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector as foreseen in article 68 of Delegated Regulation 2015/35

R0010	Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares)
R0030	Share premium account related to ordinary share capital
R0040	Initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own-fund item for mutual and mutual-type undertakings
R0050	Subordinated mutual member accounts
R0070	Surplus funds
R0090	Preference shares
R0110	Share premium account related to preference shares
R0130	Reconciliation reserve
R0140	Subordinated liabilities
R0160	An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets
R0180	Other own fund items approved by the supervisory authority as basic own funds not specified above
R0220	Own funds from the financial statements that should not be represented by the reconciliation reserve and do not meet the criteria to be classified as Solvency II own funds

R0230 **Deductions for participations in financial and credit institutions**

R0290 **Total basic own funds after deductions**

Ancillary own funds

R0300	Unpaid and uncalled ordinary share capital callable on demand
R0310	Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand
R0320	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand
R0330	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand
R0340	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0350	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0360	Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0370	Supplementary members calls - other than under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0390	Other ancillary own funds
R0400	Total ancillary own funds

Available and eligible own funds

R0500	Total available own funds to meet the SCR
R0510	Total available own funds to meet the MCR
R0540	Total eligible own funds to meet the SCR
R0550	Total eligible own funds to meet the MCR

R0580 **SCR**

R0600 **MCR**

R0620 **Ratio of Eligible own funds to SCR**

R0640 **Ratio of Eligible own funds to MCR**

Reconciliation reserve

R0700	Excess of assets over liabilities
R0710	Own shares (held directly and indirectly)
R0720	Foreseeable dividends, distributions and charges
R0730	Other basic own fund items
R0740	Adjustment for restricted own fund items in respect of matching adjustment portfolios and ring fenced funds
R0760	Reconciliation reserve

Expected profits

R0770	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Life business
R0780	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Non- life business
R0790	Total Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP)

Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 1 restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0		0	0	0
0	0			
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	0
215,484	215,484			
0		0	0	0
0				0
0	0	0	0	0
0				

0	0	0	0	0
215,484	215,484	0	0	0

0			0	
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0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0

215,484	215,484	0	0	0
215,484	215,484	0	0	
215,484	215,484	0	0	0
215,484	215,484	0	0	

45,920
11,480
469.26%
1,877.02%

C0060
215,484
0
0
0
0
215,484

0
15,013
15,013

S.25.01.21 - Solvency Capital Requirement - for undertakings on Standard Formula

		Gross solvency capital requirement	USP	Simplifications
		C0110	C0080	C0090
R0010	Market risk	8,791		9
R0020	Counterparty default risk	3,248		
R0030	Life underwriting risk	0		
R0040	Health underwriting risk	35,390	9	9
R0050	Non-life underwriting risk	0		
R0060	Diversification	(7,837)		
R0070	Intangible asset risk	0		
R0100	Basic Solvency Capital Requirement	39,592		
	Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement	C0100		
R0130	Operational risk	6,328		
R0140	Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	0		
R0150	Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	0		
R0160	Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	0		
R0200	Solvency Capital Requirement excluding capital add-on	45,920		
R0210	Capital add-ons already set	0		
R0220	Solvency capital requirement	45,920		
	Other information on SCR			
R0400	Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module	0		
R0410	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	0		
R0420	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds	0		
R0430	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for matching adjustment portfolios	0		
R0440	Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	0		

S.28.01.01 - Minimum Capital Requirement - Only life or only non-life insurance or reinsurance activity

Linear formula component for non-life insurance and reinsurance obligations		C0010		
R0010	MCR _{NL} Result	9,733	Net (of reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	Net (of reinsurance) written premiums in the last 12 months
			C0020	C0030
R0020	Medical expense insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	207,089
R0030	Income protection insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0040	Workers' compensation insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0050	Motor vehicle liability insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0060	Other motor insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0070	Marine, aviation and transport insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0080	Fire and other damage to property insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0090	General liability insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0100	Credit and suretyship insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0110	Legal expenses insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0120	Assistance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0130	Miscellaneous financial loss insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	0
R0140	Non-proportional health reinsurance		0	0
R0150	Non-proportional casualty reinsurance		0	0
R0160	Non-proportional marine, aviation and transport reinsurance		0	0
R0170	Non-proportional property reinsurance		0	0
Linear formula component for life insurance and reinsurance obligations		C0040		
R0200	MCR _L Result	0	Net (of reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	Net (of reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
			C0050	C0060
R0210	Obligations with profit participation - guaranteed benefits		0	
R0220	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits		0	
R0230	Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations		0	
R0240	Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations		0	
R0250	Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations			0
Overall MCR calculation		C0070		
R0300	Linear MCR	9,733		
R0310	SCR	45,920		
R0320	MCR cap	20,664		
R0330	MCR floor	11,480		
R0340	Combined MCR	11,480		
R0350	Absolute floor of the MCR	2,255		
R0400	Minimum Capital Requirement	11,480		

Glossary

The Group or SHG	The Simplyhealth Group (Simplyhealth Group Limited together with its consolidated subsidiaries)
The Company	Simplyhealth Group Limited
SHA	Simplyhealth Access
Denplan	Denplan Limited
AFH	Actuarial Function Holder
CF	Controlled Functions
CFIF	Core Fixed Income Fund
CLR	Claims Loss Ratio
Delegated Regulations	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35
EIOPA	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
EPIFP	Expected Profits in Future Premiums
EU	European Union
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
HoIA	Head of Internal Audit
IIA	Institute of Internal Auditors
IDD	Insurance Distribution Directive
IMT	Investment Management Team
IPT	Insurance Premium Tax
IWP	Investment Working Party
LTIP	Long Term Incentive Plan
MCR	Minimum Capital Requirement
ORSA	Own Risk and Solvency Assessment
PRA	Prudential Regulation Authority
QRT	Quantitative Reporting Template
RICS	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
RSR	Regular Supervisory Report
SCR	Solvency Capital Requirement
SFCR	Solvency and Financial Condition Report
SIF	Significant Influence Functions
SIMF	Senior Insurance Manager Functions
SIMR	Senior Insurance Manager Regime
SM&CR	Senior Managers and Certification Regime
TP	Technical Provision
UK	United Kingdom