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Doctor Care Anywhere expands service in the Republic of Ireland

Doctor Care Anywhere Group PLC (ASX: DOC, “Doctor Care Anywhere”) has expanded its digital healthcare service to self-pay patients in the Republic of Ireland. This new service builds on Doctor Care Anywhere’s current activities in the Irish market and will help to transform the health journeys of patients by providing a fully integrated treatment pathway, including telephone and video consultations, led by Doctor Care Anywhere’s Irish Medical Council registered GPs.

The self-pay service is now available to patients in the Republic of Ireland via Boots Ireland. Part of Walgreens Boots Alliance, a leading global pharmacy group. Boots has a considerable presence in the Republic of Ireland with 89 stores across the country. The association with Boots Ireland enhances Doctor Care Anywhere’s direct-to-consumer model and brings the benefits of a patient centred, joined up health journey supported by a digitally enabled health record to patients across the country.

The Republic of Ireland is an important strategic market for Doctor Care Anywhere. With a population of 4.9 million, the Irish healthcare market is predominantly funded through private medical insurance and self-pay services for both primary and secondary care. Doctor Care Anywhere’s existing operations in the Irish market include the provision of digital healthcare services to employees of the Irish headquarters of one of the UK’s largest banking groups and a partnership with one of the world’s largest insurance groups, Allianz.

Dr Bayju Thakar, CEO of Doctor Care Anywhere, said: “Doctor Care Anywhere is very proud to be collaborating with a business with the global reach, reputation and heritage of Boots. Following our recent entry into the Australian market, through the acquisition of GP2U Telehealth, this is another significant step for our international expansion and growth story and demonstrates the scalability and flexibility of our platform and business model. We look forward to using Doctor Care Anywhere’s unique experience to help transform healthcare journeys and enhance patient choice across the Republic of Ireland.”

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This ASX announcement has been authorised for release by the Chief Executive Officer.

About Doctor Care Anywhere:

Doctor Care Anywhere Group PLC is a UK-based telehealth company that is committed to delivering the best possible patient experience and clinical care through digitally enabled, joined up, evidence based pathways on its proprietary platform. Doctor Care Anywhere utilises its relationships with health insurers, healthcare providers and corporate customers to connect with patients to deliver a range of telehealth services.

About Boots Ireland:

Boots Ireland is a leading pharmacy-led health and beauty retailer with 89 stores and just over 2,000 employees¹. Boots Ireland's purpose is to help customers look and feel better than they ever thought possible. Customers are at the heart of the Boots Ireland business. We are committed to providing exceptional customer and patient care, being the first choice for pharmacy and healthcare and offering innovative products 'only at Boots', such as No7 - all delivered with the great value our customers love.

¹ Figures as of 31 August 2019

In 2021, Boots was recognised as the most reputable retailer and pharmacy in Ireland for the second year running, according to the 2021 Ireland RepTrak® study². The company is now rated 5th most reputable organisation overall in Ireland. Boots Ireland products and services have also been rated the most reputable in the country.

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² The twelfth annual Ireland RepTrak® 2021 study, the largest and longest running study of reputation in Ireland, is based on the perceptions of over 6,500 members of the public and was completed between 21st January and 29th March 2021. The study measures the level of trust, respect, admiration and esteem the public has for 100 organisations in Ireland, along with close to 100 other reputation and brand indicators.