Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 July 2004



Company information

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Secretary

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2004

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004.

Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of retail pharmacists.

The company has traded profitably in line with the directors expectations.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 5 - 6.

The directors have paid interim dividends amounting to £871,740 and they do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Post balance sheet events

Since the year end the company has acquired a number of pharmacies.

Future developments

The directors expect the company to remain profitable for the foreseeable future.

Employment policy

The company's employment policies are fair and equitable and consistent with the skills and abilities of the employees and the needs of the company's business. If any employee becomes disabled, the objective is the continued provision of suitable employment either in the same or an alternative position with appropriate training if necessary.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the company are as stated below:

	Oro	Ordinary shares	
	31/07/04	01/08/03	
G A Tims	-	_	
A D Parker	-	-	
P Cattee	-	-	
Mrs A J Cattee	-	-	

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2004

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Abrams Ashton be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 27.5.05 and signed on its behalf by

Director

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Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of PCT Healthcare Limited

We have audited the financial statements of PCT Healthcare Limited for the year ended 31 July 2004 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement, the statement of total recognised gains and losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of PCT Healthcare Limited continued

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Abrams Ashton

Chartered Accountants and

Registered Auditors

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Merseyside

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 July 2004

		Continuing operations	
		2004	2003
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	76,321,799	69,833,308
Cost of sales		(57,244,388)	(54,595,815)
Gross profit		19,077,411	15,237,493
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(15,655,725) 27,451	(12,089,166) 59,300
Operating profit	3	3,449,137	3,207,627
Investment income Other interest receivable and	4	134,991	115,533
similar income	6	4,822	5,583
Loss on disposal of investments	5	(6)	(56,559)
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(1,254,033)	(1,386,145)
Amounts due from group companies written off		-	4,413,359
Profit on ordinary			
activities before taxation		2,334,911	6,299,398
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10	(1,855,520)	(995,539)
Profit on ordinary			
activities after taxation		479,391	5,303,859
Dividends	11	(871,740)	(123,961)
(Loss)/retained profit for the year		(392,349)	5,179,898
Retained profit brought forward		10,093,433	4,378,888
Transfer from revaluation reserve account		-	534,647
Retained profit carried forward		9,701,084	10,093,433

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 July 2004

	2004	2003
	£	£
Profit on ordinary		
activities after taxation	479,391	5,303,859
Unrealised deferred tax on current asset investments	-	40,000
Total recognised gains relating		
to the year	479,391	5,343,859

Balance sheet as at 31 July 2004

		20	004	20	003
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	12		21,829,295		26,098,338
Tangible assets	13		4,238,687		4,007,457
Investments	14		1,080,301		121,514
			27,148,283		30,227,309
Current assets					
Stocks	15	4,529,129		4,217,476	
Debtors	16	9,195,827		13,206,505	
Cash at bank and in hand		916,251		2,449,520	
		14,641,207		19,873,501	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	17	(15,430,049)		(21,065,133)	
Net current liabilities			(788,842)		(1,191,632)
Total assets less current					
liabilities			26,359,441		29,035,677
Creditors: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	18		(16,323,942)		(18,619,230)
Provisions for liabilities					
and charges	19		(71,409)		(60,008)
Net assets			9,964,090		10,356,439
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	21		263,006		263,006
Profit and loss account	41		9,701,084		10,093,433
Equity shareholders' funds	22		9,964,090		10,356,439

The financial statements were approved by the Board on ...2.7.:5......... and signed on its behalf by

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The notes on pages 9 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 July 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Reconciliation of operating profit to net			
cash inflow from operating activities		2 440 127	2 207 627
Operating profit Depreciation		3,449,137 4,550,591	
(Increase) in stocks		(311,653)	
Decrease in debtors		4,010,678	(1,740,601)
(Decrease) in creditors		(5,668,861)	9,836,667
Net cash inflow from operating activities		6,029,892	13,171,293
Cash flow statement			
Net cash inflow from operating activities		6,029,892	13,171,293
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	29	(1,114,220)	· ·
Taxation	29	(1,202,874)	• • • • •
Capital expenditure	29	(506,778)	
Acquisitions and disposals	29	(958,793)	-
		2,247,227	6,103,308
Equity dividends paid		(871,740)	(123,961)
		1,375,487	5,979,347
Management of liquid resources	29	-	700,704
Financing	29	(2,908,756)	840,641
Decrease in cash in the year		(1,533,269)	7,520,692
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net fu	nds (Note 30)		
Decrease in cash in the year		(1,533,269)	7,520,692
Cash outflow from increase in debts and lease financing		2,908,756	(840,641)
Cash inflow from decrease in liquid resources		-	(700,704)
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		1,375,487	5,979,347
New finance leases and hire purchase contracts		(6,000)	-
Transfer of group overdrafts and loans		-	(15,679,602)
Disposal of current asset investments		-	(56,559)
Movement in net funds in the year		1,369,487	(9,756,814)
Net debt at 1 August 2003		(20,239,973)	(10,483,159)
Net debt at 31 July 2004		(18,870,486)	(20,239,973)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total value of cash and credit sales made during the year, excluding value added tax.

1.3. Goodwill

Acquired goodwill is amortised over its revised estimated useful economic life of 10 years.

Previously, acquired goodwill was amortised over 20 years. The financial effect of this change in estmate of the useful economic life of goodwill has been to increase the amortisation charge by £2,684,937 and consequently reduce the profit for the year by this amount.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold properties - Nil Long leasehold properties - Nil

Short leasehold properties - Straight line over the life of the lease

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment - 10% and 25% straight line
Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance
Improvements to properties - 10% straight line

No depreciation charge is made on freehold and long leasehold properties on the grounds that it would be immaterial because the estimated residual value of the tangible fixed asset is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset. The company undertakes regular impairment reviews and writes down properties where applicable to their open market values.

1.5. Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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1.6. Investments

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

As part of the rationalisation of the group, the trades and net assets of subsidiary undertakings were transferred into the company in previous years. The consideration for this was based upon the book values and took no account of the goodwill inherent in those businesses. This has resulted in an apparent overvaluation of investments held in the company's books, though there has been no loss to the group. Schedule 4 to the Companies Act 1985 requires that, where such an overvaluation is expected to be permanant, the investments should be written down accordingly. The directors consider that as the substance of the transaction was merely to reorganise the group's operations, such a treatment would fail to give a true and fair view and the value of investments has instead been allocated to goodwill. The effect on the company's balance sheet of this departure has been to recognise goodwill of £Nil (2003 £2,234,721).

1.7. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

1.8. Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

1.9. Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax has not been discounted.

1.10. Group accounts

The accounts present information about the individual undertaking and not about its group on the grounds that the company is included in the accounts of a larger EEC group.

2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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Operating profit is stated after charging: Depreciation and other amounts written off intangible assets 4,269,043 1,549,491 Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets 281,928 218,178 Operating lease rentals - Land and buildings 452,542 432,012 Auditors' remuneration 29,500 26,000 and after crediting: Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets 380 13,478 Government grants 380 13,478 Government grants 2004 £ £ £ £ Income from investments - 69 Income from investments 134,991 115,533 Income from subsidiary undertakings 134,991 115,533 5. Disposal of investments 2 004 £ £ £ £ Amounts written off fixed asset investments 6 - 56,559 Amounts written off fixed asset investments - 56,559 6. Interest receivable and similar income 2004 2003 £ £ £ Bank interest 24 5,544 Other interest 24 5,544 Other interest 4,798 39 4,822 5,583	3.	Operating profit	2004 £	2003 £
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets 281,928 218,178		Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Operating lease rentals		Depreciation and other amounts written off intangible assets	4,269,043	1,549,491
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Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets 380 13,478 60 8,451		Auditors' remuneration	29,500	26,000
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Income from subsidiary undertakings			£	£
5. Disposal of investments 2004 £ £ 2003 £ £ Amounts written off fixed asset investments 6 - 56,559 Loss on disposal of current asset investments - 56,559 6 56,559 - 56 Bank interest receivable and similar income 2004 £ £ Bank interest Other interest 24 5,544 6 Other interest 4,798 39			, -	
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Bank interest 24 5,544 Other interest 4,798 39			6	56,559
Bank interest 24 5,544 Other interest 4,798 39	6.	Interest receivable and similar income	2004	2003
Other interest 4,798 39				
Other interest 4,798 39		Bank interest	24	5,544
4,822 5,583		Other interest	4,798	
			4,822	5,583

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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7.	Interest payable and similar charges	2004 £	2003 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts	1,114,491	1,222,054
	Lease finance charges and hire purchase interest	3,878	3,217
	Other interest	135,664	150,670
	On overdue tax	-	10,204
		1,254,033	1,386,145
8.	Employees		
	Number of employees	2004	2003
	The average monthly numbers of employees		
	(including the directors) during the year were:		
	Management and administration	22	24
	Pharmacists, counter staff and drivers	554	507
		576	531
	Employment costs	2004	2003
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	8,712,726	8,088,702
	Social security costs	620,629	565,932
	Other pension costs	137,135	121,420
		9,470,490	8,776,054

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8.1.	Directors' emoluments	2004	2003
		£	£
	Remuneration and other emoluments	824,246	792,365
	Pension contributions	-	500
		824,246	792,865
		Number	Number
	Number of directors to whom retirement benefits		
	are accruing under a money purchase scheme		1
	Highest paid director	£	£
	Amounts included above:		
	Emoluments and other benefits	212,158	203,789
	Pension contributions	-	500
		212,158	204,289

9. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the directors and employees. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to £137,135 (2003 - £121,420).

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10. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Analysis of charge in year	2004 £	2003 £
Current tax	<u></u>	~
UK corporation tax at 30.00% (2003 - 30.00%)	1,846,254	978,283
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(2,135)	(525)
	1,844,119	977,758
Total current tax charge	1,844,119	977,758
Deferred tax		
Timing differences, origination and reversal	11,401	38,909
Prior period adjustments	-	(21,128)
Total deferred tax	11,401	17,781
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1,855,520	995,539

Factors affecting tax charge for year

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30 per cent). The differences are explained below:

£	2003 £
2,334,911	6,299,398
700,473	1,889,819
1,157,182	459,129
(11,401)	(49,139)
-	(1,324,008)
(2,135)	(525)
-	(32,128)
-	34,610
1,844,119	977,758
	700,473 1,157,182 (11,401) - (2,135)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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11.	Dividends	2004	2003
		£	£
	Dividends on equity shares:		
	Ordinary shares - interim paid	<u>871,740</u>	123,961
10	Tudam vilala filmad assada		
12.	Intangible fixed assets	Goodwill	Total
		Goodwin £	£
	Cost	₺	₽-
	At 1 August 2003	30,159,661	30,159,661
	At 31 July 2004	30,159,661	30,159,661
	Provision for		
	diminution in value		
	At 1 August 2003	4,061,323	4,061,323
	Charge for year	4,269,043	4,269,043
	At 31 July 2004	8,330,366	8,330,366
	Net book values		
	At 31 July 2004	21,829,295	21,829,295
	At 31 July 2003	26,098,338	26,098,338

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Total £	4,870,986 513,978 (4,250)	5,380,714	863,529 (3,430) 281,928	1,142,027	4,238,687
Improvements to properties £	18,338 17,368	35,706	2,569	6,875	28,831 15,769
Motor vehicles £	79,592 11,995 (4,250)	87,337	27,776 (3,430) 15,748	40,094	47,243
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	1,571,218 434,615	2,005,833	753,782	978,374	1,027,459
Long leasehold f properties	420,000	420,000	t 1 1	•	420,000
Short leasehold properties	505,981 50,000	555,981	79,402	116,684	439,297
Freehold properties £	2,275,857	2,275,857	τ 1 1	r	2,275,857
Tangible fixed assets	Cost At 1 August 2003 Additions Disposals	At 31 July 2004	Depreciation At 1 August 2003 On disposals Charge for the year	At 31 July 2004	Net book values At 31 July 2004 At 31 July 2003

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	2004		2003		
Asset description	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £	Net book value £	Depreciation charge	
Equipment	35,000	5,000	40,000	5,000	
Motor vehicles	8,087	2,695	4,782	1,594	
	43,087	7,695	44,782	6,594	

14.	Fixed asset investments	Subsidiary undertakings shares £	Participating interests shares	Total £
	Cost			
	At 1 August 2003	121,514	-	121,514
	Additions	-	958,793	958,793
	Disposals	(6)	-	(6)
	At 31 July 2004	121,508	958,793	1,080,301
	Net book values			
	At 31 July 2004	121,508	958,793	1,080,301
	At 31 July 2003	121,514		121,514

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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14.1. Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Nature of business	Shares held class	Proportion of shares held
Subsidiary undertaking Grasmere Leigh Ltd	England	Retail pharmacists	Ordinary	85%
Participating interests Paul Benson Ltd	England	Retail pharmacists	Ordinary B	49%

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Ca	pital and reserves		r the year £
Grasmere Leigh	Ltd	12,731	159,1	50
Paul Benson Ltd	1	140,814	128,3	78
15. Stocks			2004	2003
			£	£
Finished goods a	and goods for resale		4,529,129	4,217,476
16. Debtors			2004	2003
			£	£
Trade debtors			7,063,277	11,949,614
Amount owed b	y participating interest		70,015	-
Other debtors			1,691,999	919,537
Prepayments and	d accrued income		370,536	337,354
			9,195,827	13,206,505

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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17.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2004 £	2003 £
	Bank loans	3,221,722	3,563,830
	Other loans	229,000	494,000
	Net obligations under finance leases		
	and hire purchase contracts	12,073	12,433
	Trade creditors	5,339,824	5,545,337
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	5,199,739	10,393,895
	Corporation tax	732,944	91,699
	Other taxes and social security costs	205,193	184,573
	Directors' current accounts	51,189	473,974
	Other creditors	196,384	41,830
	Accruals and deferred income	241,981	263,562
		15,430,049	21,065,133

Bank borrowings are secured by fixed charges over the properties, investments and book debts together with a floating charge over the other assets of the company. The hire purchase liability is secured over the relevant fixed asset.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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18.	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2004 £	2003 £
	Bank loans	16,277,870	18,541,251
	Other loans	32,248	56,248
	Net obligations under finance leases	10.004	01.701
	and hire purchase contracts	13,824	21,731
		<u>16,323,942</u>	18,619,230
	Loans		
	Repayable in one year or less, or on demand (Note 17)	3,450,722	4,057,830
	Repayable between one and two years	2,868,993	3,326,993
	Repayable between two and five years	7,893,599	8,011,837
	Repayable in five years or more	5,547,526	7,258,669
		19,760,840	22,655,329
	Repayable in five years or more:		
	Bank loans	5,547,526	7,258,669
		5,547,526	7,258,669
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		
	Repayable within one year	12,073	12,433
	Repayable between one and five years	13,824	21,731
		25,897	34,164

The company has a number of bank loans ranging from 3 to 10 years with interest being payable at LIBOR or 1% above bank base rate.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2004

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19.	Provisions for liabilities and charges		
		Deferred taxation (Note 20) £	Total £
	At 1 August 2003 Movements in the year	60,008 11,401	60,008 11,401
	At 31 July 2004	71,409	71,409
20.	Provision for deferred taxation	2004 £	2003 £
	Accelerated capital allowances	74,016	
	Undiscounted provision for deferred tax	74,016	60,008
	Provision at 1 August 2003 Deferred tax charge in profit and loss account Provision at 31 July 2004	60,008	
	2001	71,409	
21.	Share capital	2004 £	2003 £
	Authorised 263,006 Ordinary shares of £1 each		
	======================================	<u>263,006</u>	263,006
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	263,006 Ordinary shares of £1 each	263,006	263,006

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22.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2004 £	2003 £
	Profit for the year	479,391	5,303,859
	Dividends	(871,740)	(123,961)
		(392,349)	5,179,898
	Other recognised gains or losses	-	40,000
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	(392,349)	5,219,898
	Opening shareholders' funds	10,356,439	5,136,541
	Closing shareholders' funds	9,964,090	10,356,439

23. Contingent liabilities

The company's bankers hold a composite guarantee dated 21 August 2001 between the company and its fellow subsidiary undertakings, Tims and Parker Limited, P & A J Cattee (Wholesale) Limited and Haslingden Health Centre Pharmacy Limited.

24. Transactions with directors

The company occupies premises owned by P and A J Cattee (Directors) Pension Scheme under a sub-lease from an unconnected third party. Rent paid during the year in respect of this property amounted to £14,250.

The company also occupies premises owned by P and A J Cattee. Rent paid during the year in respect of these properties amounted to £15,000.

The amount due to the directors at the balance sheet date was as follows:

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Mr and Mrs P Cattee	51,135
G A Tims	54
A D Parker	-
	51,189

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25. Related party transactions

The company does not disclose details of transactions with other group companies on the grounds that consolidated accounts are publicly available.

Trading transactions with associated undertakings were:			Balance
	Management charges		at
	Received	Paid	year end
	£	£	£
Paul Benson Limited	7,600	32,293	70,015

26. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of PCT Healthcare (Holdings) Ltd.

27. Controlling interest

The company has no single ultimate controlling party, as disclosed in the directors' report of the ultimate parent company.

28. Post balance sheet events

Since the year end the company has acquired a number of pharmacies.

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29. Gross cash flows

2004 £	2003 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	
Interest received 4,822	5,583
Interest paid (1,254,033)	(1,386,145)
Dividends received 134,991	115,533
(1,114,220)	(1,265,029)
Taxation	
Corporation tax paid (1,202,874)	(1,418,831)
Capital expenditure	
Payments to acquire intangible assets	(3,425,690)
Payments to acquire tangible assets (507,978)	(1,014,659)
Receipts from sales of tangible assets 1,200	56,224
(506,778)	(4,384,125)
Acquisitions and disposals	
Payments on acquisition of group interests (958,793)	
Management of Liquid Resources	
Receipts from sales of short term investments -	700,954
Payments to acquire short term investments	(250)
-	700,704
Financing	
New long term bank loans 1,180,000	4,408,253
Repayment of long term bank loans (3,785,489)	(3,392,315)
Repayment of other short term loans (289,000)	(169,000)
Capital element of finance leases and hire purchase contracts (14,267)	(6,297)
(2,908,756)	840,641

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30. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Other changes	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	2,449,520	(1,533,269)		916,251
	2,449,520	(1,533,269)		916,251
Debt due within one year	(4,057,830)	4,074,489	(3,467,381)	(3,450,722)
Debt due after one year	(18,597,499)	(1,180,000)	3,467,381	(16,310,118)
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	(34,164)	14,267	(6,000)	(25,897)
	(22,689,493)	2,908,756	(6,000)	(19,786,737)
Net funds	(20,239,973)	1,375,487	(6,000)	(18,870,486)

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Detailed trading profit and loss account and expenses schedule for the year ended 31 July 2004

	2004		2003	
	£	£	£	£
Sales		76,321,799		69,833,308
Cost of sales				
Opening stock	4,217,476		2,011,111	
Purchases	57,556,041		56,802,180	
	61,773,517		58,813,291	
	01,773,317		50,015,251	
Closing stock	(4,529,129)		(4,217,476)	
		(57,244,388)		(54,595,815)
		(37,244,300)		(34,333,613)
Gross profit		19,077,411		15,237,493
Administrative expenses				
Wages and salaries	6,900,490		6,409,328	
Directors' remuneration	820,886		790,504	
Employer's NI contributions	620,629		565,932	
Directors' money purchase pension costs	-		500	
Staff money purchase pension costs	137,135		120,920	
Management charges	32,293		900 070	
Locums	991,350		888,870	
Rent, rates and insurance	790,506		739,605	
Light and heat Repairs and maintenance	97,069 168,972		86,373 183,205	
Postage, stationery and advertising	45,622		44,883	
Telephone	68,077		61,679	
Motor and travel expenses	100,832		107,658	
Legal and professional fees	58,947		64,614	
Stocktaking fees	30,546		53,185	
Auditors' remuneration	29,500		26,000	
Bank charges	64,996		68,016	
Trade expenses	86,883		76,418	
Subscriptions	60,401		47,285	
Amortisation of goodwill	4,269,043		1,549,491	
Amortisation on short leasehold	37,282		36,057	
Depreciation on fixtures and fittings	224,592		162,279	
Depreciation on motor vehicles	15,748		17,273	
Profits/losses on disposal of tangible assets	(380)		(13,478)	
Depreciation on improvements to property	4,306		2,569	
		15,655,725		12,089,166

3,421,686

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Detailed trading profit and loss account and expenses schedule for the year ended 31 July 2004

	2004		2003	
	£	£	£	£
Other operating income Government grants receivable	8,451		-	
Management charges receivable Insurance claims receivable	19,000		10,800 48,500	
		27,451		59,300
Operating profit		3,449,137		3,207,627
Income from investments				
Group income	134,991		115,464	
Listed investment income	<u>-</u>		69	
		134,991		115,533
Interest receivable				
Bank deposit interest	24		5,544	
Other interest	4,798		39	
		4,822		5,583
Loss on disposal of investments		(6)		(56,559)
Interest payable				
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	1,114,491		1,222,054	
Other interest	135,664		150,670	
HP interest and fin. lease charges Interest on overdue tax	3,878		3,217 10,204	
interest on overduc tax				(4.006.145)
Amounts due from group companies written off		(1,254,033)		(1,386,145) 4,413,359
Net profit for the year		2,334,911		6,299,398