Wright Health Group Limited

Annual report and consolidated financial statements

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Company information

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Strategic Report

Review of business

Group profit before tax was £7,113,000 (2021: £6,476,000).

The majority of dental practices and laboratories in all Group markets continued to experience disruption in the early part of 2022 as a result of intermittent Covid constraints. Against this background, the Group carefully navigated its way through these challenging conditions, delivering solid growth in the provision of dental products through the strategic expansion of its customer base in its various markets. The Group also maintained its focus on supporting its customer base, controlling costs and maintaining the welfare of its staff.

Group turnover in 2022 was £117m, 8% up on last year at £108m. Gross profit was £31.2m with gross margin improving to 26.7%. Costs continue to be managed effectively.

The Group was in a net cash positive position of £6.2m at the end of the year. The Group was able to use the strength of its balance sheet to satisfy any fluctuations in working capital requirements throughout the year. Group net assets at 31 December 2022 were £36m (2021: £30m).

Delivering the highest level of customer service in a very competitive market is a pre-requisite. Growing volumes as markets return to more normal levels of activity, increasing profitability and strengthening the balance sheet continue to be the key performance indicators for the Group.

Section 172 Statement

In accordance with its responsibilities in relation to s172 of the Companies Act, the Board continually assesses how its strategic objectives promote the success of the Group and benefit its members, whilst considering the impact that its operations have on other key stakeholder groups. The Group's key strategic objective throughout 2022 has been to drive solid organic growth from a growing customer base in its chosen markets.

Managing the impact of continued challenges in the global supply chain have also been a focus. We have worked closely with our suppliers, logistics' partners and customers to ensure that these challenges have not had a detrimental impact on product availability and customer service.

Generating long-term value for shareholders who provide the capital which allows the Group to invest and grow remains essential. The Group fosters strong commercial relationships with its customers ranging from independent GDPs to Corporate Groups and Health Authority Bodies. The Group continues to partner closely with its chosen major suppliers to extend its product ranges in selected areas and improve the efficiency of its supply chain. The continued growth and expansion of the Group also present opportunities for staff development and allow the business to attract and recruit new talent in different areas. As noted in the Directors' Report, the Group is also addressing its environmental impact and introducing measures which will reduce its carbon footprint particularly in the areas of distribution and product packaging.

The Board's view is that the prospects for 2023 are shrouded in a degree of opacity given the current economic climate. Our customers face the on-going challenges of delivering dentistry, whilst dealing with staff shortages, cost volatility driven by inflationary pressures and the potential changes in the sophistication of treatment plans due to the pressures on disposable incomes of patients and their families.

The Board continues to consider the risks associated with current economic conditions and also the impact of supply chain challenges. The Board is ensuring that adequate mitigating policies and procedures are implemented by the business.

Strategic Report (continued)

Future prospects and principal risks and uncertainties

The Group operates from a solid platform which is based on the foundation of excellent customer service, and an extensive product portfolio, coupled with a highly competitive cost and pricing structure. Our strong balance sheet allows us to continue to invest in the Group organically and gives us the ability to consider acquisition opportunities as and when they arise. The directors are therefore cautiously optimistic that the Group will continue its steady growth, and that it has adequate resources to continue its operations for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements.

KA Souter Secretary

30 March, 2023

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Directors' Report

The directors present their Directors' Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Principal activities

The Group operates in the UK, Hungary, South Africa and USA and its principal activity continues to be the manufacture, import and purchase from other manufacturers of dental equipment and material of all kinds and the distribution of these products both wholesale and retail in the UK, South Africa, USA and other overseas markets.

Results and dividend

The trading results for the year and the Group's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the following Financial Statements and are discussed further in the Strategic Report.

The Company did not pay any dividends during the year and no dividend is proposed in respect of the current financial year.

Directors

The directors of the company who served during the year are shown on page 1.

It is with great sadness that we report that Sir Angus Grossart, our Group Chairman, died on 13th May, 2022. The Group has benefitted from his firm support and guidance throughout five decades and he will be sorely missed.

The company maintains liability insurance covering the directors and officers of the company.

Details of how the directors have had regard to the need to foster business relationships with suppliers, customers and employees, and the effect this has had on key decisions taken during the year, is included in the strategic report on page 2.

Future developments

Details of future developments are provided in the strategic report on page 3.

Financial risk management

Details of financial risk management objectives are provided within Note 26 on page 29.

Employee Involvement

The Group regularly communicates with all staff providing information on the developments within the Group including updates on the Group's strategy and details of new products and services.

Employment of disabled persons

Full and fair consideration is given to applications for employment made by disabled persons having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities.

Charitable contributions

During the year the Group made various charitable contributions totalling £26,000 (2021: £1,000).

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

Carbon emissions and energy consumption

Direct emissions	2022 tCO ₂	2022 kWh	2021 tCO₂	2021 kWh
Gas	289	1,586,340	225	1,230,136
Use of fuel for transport	382	1,642,201	336	1,453,115
	671	3,228,541	561	2,683,251
Indirect emissions				
Purchase of electricity	63	326,246	73	349,384
Total	734	3,554,787	634	3,032,635

The information above relates to the group's UK business for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Methodology

We have calculated the carbon emissions and kWh figures using the UK Government's 2022 Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

Directors' Report (continued)

Intensity measures

Total carbon emissions per £m of UK revenue in the year to 31 December 2022 were 8.0 tCO₂ (2021: 7.3 tCO₂).

Energy efficient actions taken

The group continues to maximise all opportunities to improve energy efficiencies across all its locations and operations, and will continue to enhance staff awareness of energy consumption and cost through effective communication and policy adaptation e.g. Motor Fleet and advancement in vehicle technologies.

The implementation of enhanced software across the group has made the use of video conferencing commonplace amongst all staff who now regularly use technology for virtual meetings with peers and external contacts alike. This has had a significant impact on the Group's carbon footprint on travel which continues to be enjoyed beyond the period of Covid restriction.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report and Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the company and of the group's profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- state whether applicable UK 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 group and company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint Henderson Loggie LLP as auditor to the company will be put to the General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board

KA Souter Secretary Dundee

30 March, 2023

Independent auditor's report to the members of Wright Health Group Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Wright Health Group Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated and company statements of financial position, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the consolidated and company statements of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the group and the parent company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Wright Health Group Limited (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole 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 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 economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Wright Health Group Limited (continued)

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the group and company has in place, the areas of the
 financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any
 known, suspected or alleged fraud. Management informed us that there were no instances of known, suspected
 or alleged fraud:
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the group and company. We
 determined that the following were most relevant: FRS 102, Companies Act 2006, Health and Safety; The Data
 Protection Act 2018; employment law (including the Working Time Directive); anti-bribery and corruption and
 compliance with the UK Companies Act;
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the group and company, including the extent of
 management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetrated, and tailored our risk
 assessment accordingly; an
- Using our knowledge of the group and company, together with the discussions held with management at the
 planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and
 tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

- Enquiries with management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reading correspondence with regulators including the Health and Safety Executive to determine the extent of compliance;
- · Review of Board minutes;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to stock provisions and accruals;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- · Testing key revenue lines, in particular cut-off, for evidence of management bias; and
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities and fraud rests with the directors.

Use of our report

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This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Gavin Black (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Henderson Loggie LLP

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor

30 March, 2023

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Consolidated Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Turnover Cost of sales	3	116,928 (85,695)	108,271 (80,638)
Gross profit		31,233	27,633
Distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating income		(17,916) (6,243) -	(15,890) (5,247)
Operating profit	4	7,074	6,496
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	7 8	58 (19)	21 (41)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		7,113	6,476
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	9	(1,606)	(1,444)
Profit for the financial year		5,507	5,032

Turnover and operating profit in the current and previous years arise wholly from continuing activities.

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Profit for the financial year	5,507	5,032
Net exchange differences on the retranslation of net investments and related borrowings	285	(406)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	5,792	4,626

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Fixed assets Intangible assets	10	554	325
Tangible assets	11	1,269	1,034
		1,823	1,359
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress	13	27,849	22,749
Debtors	14	17,325	15,093
Cash at bank and in hand		6,198	2,784
		51,372	40,626
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(17,016)	(11,561)
·			
Net current assets		34,356	29,065
Total assets less current liabilities		36,179	30,424
Creditors: amounts falling due			
after more than one year	16	(138)	(213)
Provisions for liabilities	17	(142)	(104)
Net assets		35,899	30,107
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	19	332	332
Other reserves	20	303	303
Profit and loss account	20	35,264	29,472
Total equity		35,899	30,107

Phese finanβial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30 March, 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

IMatheson Director

Company Statement of Financial Position *As at 31 December 2022*

2021 £000	2022 £000	Note	
2000	2000		Fixed assets
324	554	10	Intangible assets
808	924	11	Tangible assets
3,405	3,405	12	Investments in subsidiary undertakings
4,537	4,883		
			Current assets
15,041	18,554	13	Stock and work in progress
13,263	15,326	14	Debtors
2,520	5,010	.,	Cash at bank and in hand
30,824	38,890		
			Creditors: amounts falling due
(9,143)	(12,739)	15	within one year
21,681	26,151		Net current assets
26,218	31,034		Total assets less current liabilities
			Creditors: amounts falling due
(123)	(43)	16	after more than one year
(104)	(142)	17	Provisions for liabilities
25,991	30,849		Net assets
			Capital and reserves
332	332	19	Called up share capital
18	18	20	Other reserves
25,641	30,499	20	Profit and loss account
25,991	30,849		Total equity

The parent company has taken advantage of section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its own Income Statement in these financial statements. The parent company's profit for the year was £4,858,000 (2021: £4,265,000).

These finangial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30 March, 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

IL Matheson Director

Consolidated Statement of 0	Cash Flows				
For the year ended 31 December 2022				2022	2021
				£000	000£
Cash flows from operating activities Profit for the financial year				5,507	5,032
Adjustments for:				,	·
Amortisation of intangible assets				120 376	155 368
Depreciation of tangible assets Gain on sale of assets				(13)	(4)
Interest paid				19	41
Interest received				(58)	(21)
Taxation (Increase)/decrease in trade and other d	lebtors			1,606 (1,975)	1,444 (125)
Increase in stocks				(4,728)	(301)
Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors				5,174	(123)
Cash from operations				6,028	6,466
Income taxes paid				(1,633)	(1,690)
Net cash generated from from operating	g activities			4,395	4,776
Cash flows from investing activities				70	25
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets Purchases of intangible and tangible asset	ets			79 (1,010)	35 (437)
Interest received				58	21
Net cash outflow from investing activit	ies			(873)	(381)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of finance lease obligations				(103)	(132)
Interest paid Net cash used in financing activities				(19) (122)	<u>(41)</u> (173)
Net increase in cash and cash equivale	ents			3,400	4,222
Foreign exchange translation adjustment				14	(9)
Cash and cash equivalents at the begin	nning of year			2,784	(1,429)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of ye	ear			6,198	2,784
Components of cash and cash equivale	ents			0.400	0.704
Cash Overdraft				6,198	2,784 -
Cash and cash equivalents				6,198	2,784
Reconciliation of net cash/(debt)					
	At 1 January	Cash	New Finance	Other non-	At 31
	2022	flows	Leases	cash changes	December 2022
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash and cash equivalents	2,784	3,414	-	-	6,198
Bank invoice discounting facility				_	<u>-</u>
	2,784	3,414		-	6,198
Finance leases	(226)	(103)	-		(123)
Net cash/(debt)	2,558	3,311	_	-	6,075

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Called-up share capital £000	Capital reserves £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2021	332	303	24,846	25,481
Profit for the year		-	5,032	5,032
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(406)	(406)
At 31 December 2021	332	303	29,472	30,107
Profit for the year	-	-	5,507	5,507
Other comprehensive income	-	-	285	285
At 31 December 2022	332	303	35,264	35,889

Company Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Called-up share capital	Capital reserves	Profit and loss account	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2021	332	. 18	21,376	21,726
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year			4 205	4 265
•			4,265	4,265
At 31 December 2021	332	18	25,641	25,991
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	4,858	4,858
At 31 December 2022	332	18	30,499	30,849

Notes to the financial statements

1 Company information

Wright Health Group Limited is a private company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Scotland. The company's registered office is shown on page 1.

The Group operates in the UK, Hungary, South Africa and USA and its principal activity continues to be the manufacture, import and purchase from other manufacturers of dental equipment and material of all kinds and the distribution of these products both wholesale and retail in the UK, South Africa, USA and other overseas markets.

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Group are set out below.

2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the group's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 – 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' ('FRS 102'), and with the Companies Act 2006. There were no material departures from those standards. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

These group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Wright Health Group Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 December each year.

In preparing the separate financial statements of the parent company, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available in FRS 102:

- Only one reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the period
 has been presented as the reconciliations for the group and parent company would be identical;
- No statement of cash flows, on the basis that the company it is a qualifying entity and the
 consolidated statement of cash flows, included in these financial statements, includes the
 Company's cash flows;
- Disclosures in respect of the parent company's financial instruments have not been presented as equivalent disclosures have been provided in respect of the group as a whole;
- No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of the key management personnel of the parent company as their remuneration is included in the totals for the group as a whole.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£) and in round £000s.

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The group meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash reserves and bank facilities.

The group's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the group should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company and the group have adequate resources to continue their operations for at least 12 months from the date of the approval of these accounts. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 December 2022. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal. Under s408 of the Companies Act 2006 the company is exempt from the requirement to present its Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the group's ordinary activities, stated net of valued added tax. Turnover in respect of material sales is recognised when the goods are despatched on an immediate and direct basis. Turnover on equipment installations is recognised when substantially all the risk and reward has transferred. This is generally at the point when installation is complete and accepted by the customer. Revenue from service work and contracts is recognised in the period in which the services are provided.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold properties	50 years
Freehold land	Not depreciated
Short leasehold properties	life of lease
Plant, equipment and fittings	4-10 years
Computer hardware	2-6 years
Motor vehicles	4-5 years

Intangible fixed assets

Software

Software is recognised at cost on purchase and amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful economic life as follows:

Computer software

2-6 years

Goodwill

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised. Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life as follows:

Goodwill

10 years

Investments

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the company and entities (including special purpose entities) controlled by the group (its subsidiaries). Control is achieved where the group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

In the company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings, associates and joint ventures are stated at cost less amounts written off.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill

The carrying amounts of the group's assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its income-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement unless it arises on a previously revalued fixed asset. An impairment loss on a revalued fixed asset is recognised in the Income Statement if it is caused by a clear consumption of economic benefits. Otherwise, impairments are recognised in the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income until the carrying amount reaches the asset's depreciated historic cost.

Impairment losses recognised in respect of income-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to income-generating units, then to any capitalised intangible asset and finally to the carrying amount of the tangible assets in the unit on a pro rata or more appropriate basis. An income generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates income that is largely independent of the income streams from other assets or groups of assets.

Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of fixed assets is the greater of their net realisable value and value in use. In assessing value in use, the expected future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the rate of return expected on an equally risky investment. For an asset that does not generate largely independent income streams, the recoverable amount is determined for the income-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss is reversed on intangible assets and goodwill only if subsequent external events reverse the effect of the original event which caused the recognition of the impairment or the loss arose on an intangible asset with a readily ascertainable market value and that market value has increased above the impaired carrying amount. For other fixed assets where the recoverable amount increases as a result of a change in economic conditions or in the expected use of the asset then the resultant reversal of the impairment loss should be recognised in the current period.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

Stock and work in progress

Stock is valued at cost or estimated selling price less costs to sell. Finished goods of the group's own manufacture and work in progress include an appropriate proportion of manufacturing overhead expenditure at cost. Any losses from impairment are recognised in the income statement in cost of sales.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Any losses from impairment are recognised in the income statement in administrative expenses.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Current tax is recognised for the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the current or past reporting periods using the tax rates and laws that that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date, except as otherwise indicated. Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. If and when all conditions for retaining tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset have been met, the deferred tax is reversed.

Deferred tax is recognised when income or expenses from a subsidiary has been recognised, and will be assessed for tax in a future period, except where:

- the group is able to control the reversal of the timing difference; and
- it is probable that the timing difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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

Deferred tax liabilities are presented within provisions for liabilities and deferred tax assets within debtors. Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if:

- the group has 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.

Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

The group operates three defined contribution pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The amounts charged to the income statement represent the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period.

Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the statement of financial position. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences arising on conversion are recognised in other comprehensive income and are not reclassified to profit or loss.

The assets and liabilities of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the closing exchange rates. Income statements of such undertakings are consolidated at the average rates of exchange during the year. Gains and losses arising on these translations are taken to reserves. The rates of exchange adopted are:

	20	2022		2021	
	Closing rate	Average rate	Closing rate	Average rate	
Rate to the £	•	_			
Rand South Africa	20.58	20.24	21.59	20.44	
US Dollar	1.21	1.25	1.35	1.37	
HUF Hungary	451.78	457.97	439.08	416.71	
	<u></u>				

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Leases and similar hire purchase contracts

Assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised and the outstanding future obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the group. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised initially at the fair value of the leased asset (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation using the effective interest method so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term, unless the rental payments are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation, in which case the group recognises annual rent expense equal to amounts owed to the lessor.

The aggregate benefit of lease incentives are recognised as a reduction to the expense recognised over the lease term on a straight line basis.

Classification of financial instruments issued by the company

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value using a valuation technique with any gains or losses being reported in the income statement. Outstanding derivatives at reporting date are included under the appropriate format heading depending on the nature of the derivative.

Provisions for liabilities

The group recognises a provision for annual leave accrued by employees as a result of services rendered in the current period, and which employees are entitled to carry forward and use within the next 12 months. The provision is measured at the salary cost payable for the period of absence.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends unpaid at the date of the statement of financial position are only recognised as a liability at that date to the extent that they are appropriately authorised and are no longer at the discretion of the company. Unpaid dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received. Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

Cash and liquid resources

Cash comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

Significant judgements and estimates

In the application of the group's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

2 Accounting policies (continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

Stock provision - The stock provision is estimated by reference to the aged profile of stock and historic and expected sales patterns. The policy considers sales levels during the year and open orders as a predictor of future sales and applies a variety of write down percentages. In addition to that the company assesses stock on an ongoing basis to identify any stock items with particular issues such as obsolescence.

Accruals - Management estimate requirements for accruals using post year end information and information available from detailed budgets. This identifies costs that are expected to be incurred. These are only released when there is a reasonable expectation that these costs will not be invoiced in the future.

3 Turnover

Turnover is derived from the group's principal trading activity.

The analysis of turnover by geographical market has not been presented since the directors consider that it would be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the group.

4 Notes to the income statement

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Operating profit is stated after charging:	270	200
Depreciation of tangible assets (note 11)	376	368
Amortisation of intangibles (note 10)	120	155
Hire of plant and machinery – rentals payable under operating leases	335 576	377 537
Hire of other assets – operating leases	576	537
Exchange loss	117	144
Changes in fair value of derivatives	(22)	22
Auditors' remuneration:	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Audit of these financial statements	35	32
Amounts receivable by auditors and their associates in respect of:		_
Audit of financial statements of subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	7	5
Other services relating to taxation	5	7
Amounts receivable by other auditors in respect of:		
Audit of financial statements of subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	31	27
Other services relating to taxation	7	2

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number of	employees
Selling and distribution	289	273
Manufacturing	56	35
Management and administration	83	81
	428	389
		
	2022	2021
,	£000	000£
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were:		
Wages and salaries	12.945	11,935
Social security costs	1,142	1,021
Other pension and medical insurance costs	989	917
	15,076	13,873

Pension payments recognised as an expense during the year amount to £500,000 (2021: £463,000).

6 Directors' emoluments

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Directors' emoluments	591	567
Fees paid to related parties for directors' services	79	74
Contributions to money purchase pension schemes	-	-

The emoluments of the highest paid director were £372,000 (2021: £355,000).

7 Interest receivable and similar income

	58	21
Interest received on trade debtor balances due to overseas subsidiaries Bank interest	2022 £000 11 47	2021 £000 16 5

8 Interest payable and similar charges

Bank loans and overdraft interest Finance charges in respect of finance leases and hire purchase contracts	2022 £000 7 12	2021 £000 29 12
	19 	41
9 Taxation		
	2022 £000	2021 £000
UK corporation tax Adjustments in respect of previous periods Overseas taxation	1,050 - 569	942 9 474
Adjustments to overseas tax in respect of previous periods Total current tax Deferred taxation: origination and reversal of timing differences	1,619 (13)	1,425 3
Deferred taxation: adjustments in respect of prior periods Deferred taxation: change in tax rate Tax on results on ordinary activities	1,606	(9) 25 1,444

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom at 19% (2021: 19%). The differences are explained as follows:

Profit on ordinary activities before tax	7,113	6,476
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in		
the United Kingdom of 19% (2021: 19%)	1,351	1,230
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	7	3
Change in tax rate	9	25
Losses carried forward	-	32
Prior year adjustments	-	-
Overseas tax differences	239	152
Margin	-	. 2
Tax on results on ordinary activities	1,606	1,444

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Finance (No.2) Act 2015 reduced the main rate of UK corporation tax to 19% and this was effective from 1 April 2017. A further reduction in the UK corporation tax rate to 17% was expected to come into effect from 1 April 2020 (as enacted by the Finance Act 2016 on 15 September 2016). However, legislation introduced in the Finance Act 2020 (enacted on 22 July 2020) repealed the reduction of corporation tax, maintaining the current rate of 19%.

On 3 March 2021, the UK Budget 2021 announcements included measures to support economic recovery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These included an increase to the UK's main corporation tax rate to 25%, which is due to be effective from 1 April 2023. The 25% rate was granted Royal Assent on 10 June 2021 and so was substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. As a result the closing deferred tax balances as at 31 December 2022 are recognised at 25% (2021 - 25%).

In the UK, the deferred tax liability relates mainly to the differences between depreciation and capital allowances, as well as the employers' pension accrual outstanding at the year end. The deferred tax asset arising from non-trade loan relationship deficit carried forward has not been recognised due to the probability that this asset will not be recoverable in the foreseeable future.

9 Taxation (continued)

The aggregate current and deferred tax asset relating to items that are recognised as items of other comprehensive income is £101,000 (2021: £172,000).

10 Intangible fixed assets

Group Cost At 1 January 2022	Goodwill £000 1,496	Computer Software £000 2,238	Total £000 3,734
Additions Exchange adjustments	<u>-</u> -	349 34	349 34
At 31 December 2022	1,496	2,621	4,117
Depreciation At 1 January 2022 Charge for the year Exchange adjustments	1,496 - -	1,913 120 34	3,409 120 34
At 31 December 2022	1,496	2,067	3,563
Net book value At 31 December 2022		554	554
At 31 December 2021		325	325
Company Cost At 1 January 2022 Additions	Goodwill £000 486	Computer software £000 1,713 349	Total £000 2,199 349
At 31 December 2022	486	2,062	2,548
Depreciation At 1 January 2022 Charge for the year	486	1,389 119	1,875 119
At 31 December 2022	486	1,508	1,994
Net book value At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	554	554
At 31 December 2021	·	324	324

Amortisation of intangible fixed assets is included in administrative expenses.

11 Tangible fixed assets

Group Cost At 1 January 2022 Additions Disposals Exchange adjustments	Freehold property £000 983	Short leasehold property £000 377 - (16) 17	Plant, equipment and fittings £000 5,510 539 - (5)	Computer hardware £000 1,888 43 (59) 27	Motor vehicles £000 294 64 (14) 8	Total £000 9,052 646 (89) 47
At 31 December 2022	983	378	6,044	1,899	352	9,656
Depreciation At 1 January 2022 Charge for the year On disposals Exchange adjustments	746 19 -	256 16 (11) 11	5,393 138 - (7)	1,493 155 (17) 24	130 48 (10) 3	8,018 376 (38) 31
At 31 December 2022	765	272	5,524	1,655	171	8,387
Net book value At 31 December 2022	218	106	520	244	181	1,269
At 31 December 2021	237	121	117	395	164	1,034

The net book value of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts was £118,000 (2021: £271,000) and the depreciation charged in the year amounted to £62,000 (2021: £89,000).

Company Cost At 1 January 2022 Additions Disposals	Freehold property £000 983	Short leasehold property £000 56	Plant, equipment and fittings £000 1,484 385	Computer hardware £000 1,197 22 (54)	Motor vehicles £000 109	Total £000 3,829 407 (54)
At 31 December 2022	983	56	1,869	1,165	109	4,182
Depreciation At 1 January 2022 Charge for the year On disposals	746 19	56 - -	1,284 98	881 111 (14)	54 23	3,021 251 (14)
At 31 December 2022	765	56	1,382	978	77	3,258
Net book value At 31 December 2022	218	-	487	187	32	924
At 31 December 2021	237	-	200	316	55	808

The net book value of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts was £118,000 (2021: £271,000) and the depreciation charged in the year amounted to £62,000 (2021: £89,000).

12 Investment in subsidiary undertakings

Company £000

Cost and net book value

At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022

3,405

The company owns the whole issued share capital of the following principal subsidiary undertakings which are included in these financial statements.

Company	Country of registration	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held
Millner's Dental Suppliers (Cape) (Proprietary) Limited Wright Dental Hungary Kft	South Africa Hungary	Selling and distribution of dental equipment and requisites Manufacture of dental products	100% ordinary
Dentorium Products Company Inc USA	· ·	Selling and distribution of dental laboratory materials	•
Elan Dental (Proprietary) Limited	South Africa	Selling and distribution of dental equipment and requisites	100% ordinary
Ekonodent (Proprietary) Limited	South Africa	Selling and distribution of dental equipment and requisites	100% ordinary

13 Stock and work in progress

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Raw materials	261	173	-	-
Work in progress	152	172	-	-
Finished goods and goods for resale	27,436	22,404	18,554	15,041
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	27,849	22,749	18,554	15,041

Stock recognised through Cost of Sales during the year amounted £85,695,000 (2021: £80,638,000)

14 Debtors

021 2022 0000 £000 ,858 11,682	2021 £000
858 11,682	
· ·	40.007
` <u></u>	10,097
127 60	80
	-
223 -	-
421 323	176
464 867	731
.093 12,932	11,084
- 2,394	2,179
.093 15,326	13,263
	- 2,394

14 Debtors (continued)

The deferred tax asset relates to the group's South African subsidiary, Millner's Dental Suppliers (Cape) (Proprietary) Limited, and wholly relates to the difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances. This asset has been recognised in the financial statements, as based on future profit projections, the directors believe that the asset will be recoverable in the foreseeable future.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Com	pany
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Trade creditors	14,139	8,735	10,819	6,978
Social security and other taxes	760	879	742	835
Other creditors and accruals	1,982	1,775	1,000	1,194
Due to subsidiary undertakings	-	-	98	33
Obligations under finance leases and hire				
purchase contracts	80	103	80	103
Corporation tax	55	69	-	-
	17,016	11,561	12,739	9,143

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc has a bond and floating charge over the assets of the company and a standard security over the company's premises at Dunsinane Avenue, Dundee. The invoice financing facility is secured against trade debtors and stock.

Millner's Dental Suppliers (Cape) (Proprietary) Limited has provided the First National Bank of South Africa with an unlimited suretyship for bank overdraft facilities over itself and its subsidiaries M Millners Pharmaceuticals (Proprietary) Limited, P Grant Smith (Proprietary).

The trade debtors of Millner's Dental Suppliers (Cape) (Proprietary) Limited have been ceded to the First National Bank of South Africa to secure bank overdraft facilities.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2022 £000	2021 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Other creditors	43 95	123 90	43	123
	138	213	43	123
	Group		Company	
	2022 £000	2021 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000
Analysis of debt:				
Debt can be analysed as falling due: In one year or less, or on demand	80	103	80	103
Between 2 and 5 years	43	123	43	123
				

Deferred

Notes (continued)

17 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deterred
	taxation
Group	£000
At beginning of year	104
Charge to the Income Statement for the year	38
At end of year	142
•	
	Deferred
	taxation
Company	£000
At beginning of year	104
	=
Charge to the Income Statement for the year	38
At end of year	142
•	

The amount of the net reversal of deferred tax expected to occur next year is £33,000 (2021: £47,000), attributable to the difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances, and other timing differences.

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

	Provided £000	Provided £000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances	142	104
Other timing differences	-	
	142	104

18 Related party transactions

Related party transactions with the other 100% owned group undertakings are excluded from the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent undertaking, Wright Health Group Limited, and are therefore exempt from disclosures in these financial statements under section 33.1A of FRS 102.

During the year transactions totalling £79,000 (2021: £74,000) were entered into with Noble Grossart Limited. The balance owed to Noble Grossart Limited at the year-end was £20,000 (2021: £18,000) which is noted within accruals.

Compensation paid to key management is not disclosed on the basis that key management personnel and directors are the same.

Notes (continued)

19 Called up share capital

Company	2022 £000	2021 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
332,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	332	332

Each ordinary share carries one vote and is entitled to participate pari passu with other ordinary shares in any dividend or capital distribution.

20 Reserves

Other reserves represent a non-distributable capital reserve.

The profit and loss account includes all current and prior period retained profits and losses.

21 Contingent liabilities

Group and company

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, on behalf of Wright Health Group Limited, has guaranteed payments to HMRC in respect of Deferred Import Duties to a limit of £80,000 in any calendar month (2021: £80,000).

22 Capital commitments

Group and company

The group and company had contracted capital commitments at the end of the year of £299,000 (2021: £nil).

23 Leasing commitments

Total commitments under non-cancellable op	erating leases are	as follows:		2021	
Group Operating leases which expire:	Land and buildings £000	Other £000	Land and buildings £000		Other £000
Within one year In the second to fifth years inclusive Over five years	432 1,404 3,123	370 315	364 1,327 3,461		375 312 -
	4,959	685	5,152	_	687
	Land and	2022	Land and	2021	
Company Operating leases which expire:	buildings £000	Other £000	buildings £000		Other £000
Operating leases which expire. Within one year In the second to fifth years inclusive Over five years	<u>:</u>	257 125 -	- - -	_	296 240 -
	• •	382	-	=	536
The future minimum finance lease payments	are as follows:				
Group Within one year Between one and five years		2022 £000 43 80			2021 £000 103 123
		123		_	226
<i>Company</i> Within one year Between one and five years		2022 £000 43 80			2021 £000 103 123
		123		-	226

24 Pension schemes

The group operates defined contribution pension schemes. Details of each of the schemes operated by the group are given below.

Defined contribution schemes

Wright Health Group Limited operates a defined contribution scheme to provide retirement benefits for certain of its employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company and are invested with an insurance company. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £317,000 (2021: £296,000). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

Millner's Dental Suppliers (Cape) (Proprietary) Limited ('Millners') operate a fund to provide retirement benefits for its employees. The contributions paid by Millners to fund obligations for the payment of retirement benefits are charged against income in the year of payment.

Millners' employees are members of the Millners Dental Suppliers Pension Fund which is a defined contribution plan subject to the Pension Fund Act 1956 of South Africa. The fund is costed on an individual basis and any deficit identified is funded by increased future contributions. The pension cost charged to the income statement for the year was £183,000 (2021: £167,000). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

25 Financial assets and liabilities

Group and company	2022 £000	2021 £000
Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	· 19	(3)

The foreign currency forward contracts are not traded in active markets. These have been fair valued using observable forward exchange rates and interest rates corresponding to the maturity of the contract.

26 Financial risk management

The group has exposures to three main areas of risk - foreign exchange currency exposure, liquidity risk and customer credit exposure.

Foreign exchange currency exposure

The group is exposed to currency exchange rate risk due to a significant proportion of its operations being based overseas and denominated in non-Sterling currencies. Group companies also import goods and services in various currencies. The net exposure of each currency is monitored and managed by the use of forward foreign exchange contracts and currency bank accounts. The forward foreign exchange contracts all mature within 12 months.

Liquidity risk

The objective of the group in managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it can meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. The group expects to meet its financial obligations through operating cash flows. In the event that the operating cash flows would not cover all the financial obligations the group has credit facilities available. The Group is in a position to meet its commitments and obligations as they come due.

Customer credit exposure

The group may offer credit terms to its customers which allow payment of the debt after delivery of the goods or services. The group is at risk to the extent that a customer may be unable to pay the debt on the specified due date. This risk is mitigated by the strong on-going customer relationships and by sound, commercial credit control policies.

Notes (continued)

27 Ultimate holding company

Noble Grossart Holdings Limited is the ultimate holding company at the balance sheet date.