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Alloga UK Limited Annual report and financial statements For the year ended 31 August 2019

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Strategic report

for the year ended 31 August 2019

Principal activities

Alloga (UK) Limited's (the "Company") principal activity during the year was the distribution of healthcare and pharmaceutical products.

Business review

	2019		2018	
	£million	Change	£million	Change
Revenue	96.1	18%	81.7	14%
Operating profit	24.4	20%	20.3	14%
Profit for the year	20.2	23%	16.4	16%
Shareholders' equity	40.7	(19%)	50.5	48%

The Company has continued to grow profitably. Operating profit has increased due to strong activity and Brexit contingency plans.

The Group manages its operations on a divisional basis and the performance of the division which includes Alloga UK Limited is discussed in the Group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

The Company had net assets of £40.7 million (2018: £50.5 million) at the end of the financial year, with the decrease due to dividends paid net of profit for the year.

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date which should be considered for a proper understanding of these financial statements

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's Directors monitor the overall risk profile of the Company. In addition, the Directors are responsible for determining clear policies as to what the Company considers to be acceptable levels of risk. These policies seek to enable people throughout the Company to use their expertise to identify risks that could undermine performance and to devise ways of bringing them to within acceptable levels. Where the Directors identify risks that are not acceptable, they develop action plans to mitigate them with clear allocation of responsibilities and timescales for completion and ensure that progress towards implementing these plans is monitored and reported upon.

Macroeconomic and political environment

Risk

The Company could be affected adversely by the impact of the current macroeconomic and political environment on key suppliers and customer groups. In particular, Brexit has the potential to affect the Company's supply chain.

Mitigation

The Company has a rigorous process for identifying and monitoring all business critical suppliers and develops appropriate contingency plans for suppliers that are considered to be vulnerable. The Company also has a rigorous planning process to assess the impact of macroeconomic and political developments on key customer groups.

Impact of regulation

Risk

The Company operates in regulated markets and could be adversely affected by changes to existing regulation, new regulation and/or failure to comply with regulation. The Company is subject to a range of regulations relating to such things as product traceability and the conditions under which products must be stored. Changes to these could affect profitability of the company.

Mitigation

The Company seeks to control this type of risk through active involvement in policy-making processes, understanding and contributing to government thinking on regulatory matters and building relationships with regulatory bodies directly and through representation in relevant professional and trade associations.

Competition

Risk

Changes in market dynamics or actions of competitors or manufacturers could adversely impact the Company. The Company faces competition from direct competitors and alternative supply sources such as importers and manufacturers who supply direct to pharmacies.

Mitigation

The Company's strategy is to capitalise on the potential and strength of its brand and the trust in which it is held, and to build strong relationships with customers and suppliers.

Health, safety and environmental risks

Risk

The Company could suffer reputational damage caused by a major health and safety or environmental incident.

Mitigation

The Company applies standards throughout the Group which are closely monitored and regularly audited. Health, safety and environmental incidents are logged and analysed in order to learn the necessary lessons. Any major incident is promptly reported to and investigated by the executive management.

Strategic report (continued)

for the year ended 31 August 2019

Product/services risk

Risk

The Company could be adversely impacted by the supply of defective products or provision of inadequate services. In particular, this could come from allowing the infiltration of counterfeit products into the supply chain, errors in re-labelling of products and contamination or product mishandling issues.

Mitigation

The Company has robust purchasing processes, well developed contractual controls in relation to suppliers and a cohesive product control framework. This includes specific controls for the identification of counterfeit product.

Major operational business failures

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The Company could be adversely impacted by a major failure of its distribution centres and logistics infrastructure, IT systems or operational systems of key third party suppliers.

Mitigation

The Company operates rigorously audited control frameworks, business continuity plans and continually seeks to improve control of core business processes, through self-assessment and through specific programmes.

Increased costs

Risk

Operating costs may be subject to increases outside the control of the Company.

Mitigation

The Company uses procurement professionals and procurement techniques to purchase goods and services on a national basis. The Company carefully controls operating costs such as payroll and has a property management function to manage lease negotiations in the UK.

Change management

Risk

The Company could be adversely affected by the failure to achieve the anticipated commercial, operational and financial benefits from the various change programmes in the course of implementation throughout the Company.

Mitigation

The Company has in place robust governance processes to control all key change programmes, including regular programme board and steering group meetings at which progress to achieve the required benefits is monitored rigorously.

Data protection

Risk

The Company processes confidential, personal and business data and could be adversely affected if any of this data is accidentally or maliciously lost.

Mitigation

The Company applies rigorous information security policies and procedures such as strong perimeter controls and access controls. The Company ensures that all processing done by itself complies with data protection legislation inclusive of the recent General Data Protection Regulation.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

L Massart

Company Secretary 27 November 2019

Directors' report

for the year ended 31 August 2019

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Going concern

The Company has net current assets and continuing cash generation and therefore the Directors have assessed that there is no material uncertainty surrounding the going concern of the entity. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 2 in the financial statements.

Financial instruments

The Company is exposed to currency, credit and interest rate risk. The Group's treasury function manages these risks at a Group level in accordance with Group Treasury Policy including the use of financial instruments for the purpose of managing these risks. Group risks are discussed in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this report.

Dividends

An interim dividend of £16 million (2018: £nil) was declared and paid in the year. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2018: £14 million).

Future developments

The Company intends to continue operating in the distribution of healthcare and pharmaceutical products.

Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date which should be considered for a proper understanding of these financial statements

Directors

The following served as Directors during the year and to the date of this report:

P Rivas

- J Kallend
- J Mount

Directors benefited from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and at the date of this report.

Auditor

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditor and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

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 auditor is unaware; and each Director has taken all the 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 auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act of 2006.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Company Secretary 27 November 2019

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Directors' responsibilities statement

for the year ended 31 August 2019

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, 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 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

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 Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ensure whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the 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 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Alloga UK Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Alloga UK Limited (The "Company"):

- . give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the income statement;
- the balance sheet:
- · the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 23.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice).

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 company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (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

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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 respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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 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 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 FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Alloga UK Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

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.

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

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.

Sonya Butters FCA (Senior statutory auditor) For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor

Bristol, United Kingdom 27 November 2019

Income statement

for the year ended 31 August 2019

	N 4	2019	2018
	Notes Notes	£'000	£'000
Revenue	4	96,088	81,711
Gross profit		96,088	81,711
Distribution costs		(63,473)	(54,794)
Administrative expenses		(8,247)	(6,604)
Operating profit	,	24,368	20,313
Investment revenue	4, 8	532	256
Finance costs	9	(110)	(129)
Profit before taxation		24,790	20,440
Tax	10	(4,562)	(4,063)
Profit for the year	5	20,228	16,377

Revenue and operating profit are all derived from continuing operations.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Company's financial statements.

The Company has no comprehensive income and has, therefore, not included a statement of comprehensive income.

Balance sheet

As at 31 August 2019

-	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets		· · ·	
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	12	291	161
Property, plant and equipment	13	21,086	15,632
		21,377	15,793
Current assets		-	
Trade and other receivables	14	504,385	454,595
Cash and bank balances		20,933	23,827
Restricted cash_		4,500	4,500
		529,818	482,922
Total Assets		551,195	498,715
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Current tax liabilities		2,848	2,223
Trade and other payables	15	500,198	437,978
Deferred income		246	246
Obligations under finance leases	16	368	349
		503,660	440,796
Net current assets		26,158	42,126
Total assets less current liabilities		47,535	57,919
Non-current Liabilities			
Deferred income		2,764	3,010
Obligations under finance leases	16	947	1,315
Provisions		3,076	3,074
Total liabilities		<u>51</u> 0,447	448,195
Net assets		40,748	50,520
Equity		,	
Share capital	_ 19	401	401
Retained earnings	20	40,347	50,119
Total equity		40,748	50,520

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Company's financial statements.

The financial statements of Alloga UK Limited (company registration number: 03169255) were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 27 November 2019. They were signed on its behalf by:

Director P Rivas

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Share capital £'000	Retained Earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 1 September 2017	401	33,742	34,143
Profit for the year	-	16,377	16,377
At 31 August 2018	401	50,119	50,520
Profit for the year	-	20,228	20,228
Dividends paid (see note 11)	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
At 31 August 2019	401	40,347	40,748

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Company's financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 August 2019

1. General information

Alloga UK Limited (the "Company") is a private Company limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act and is registered in England and Wales.

The address of the registered office is given on page 3.

The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the strategic report on page 1.

2. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements are presented in pound sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101"). The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the goods and services. Where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group accounts of Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- (a) the requirements of paragraphs 45(b) and 46-52 of IFRS 2 Share based Payment, because the share based payment arrangement concerns the instruments of another group entity;
- (b) the requirements of paragraph 33(c) of IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations;
- (c) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures;
- (d) the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement;
- (e) the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' to present comparative information in respect of:
- (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
- (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
- (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
- (f) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- (g) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- (h) The requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.
- (i) the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures;
- (j) the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member; and
- (k) the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

Where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group accounts of Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IAS 17, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 or value in use in IAS 36.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Goina concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out in its Strategic report.

The Company has net assets and generates positive cash flows and expects this to continue in future periods.

The Company's Directors have assessed that there is no material uncertainty surrounding the going concern of the entity. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

In the current year, the Company has applied the following amendments to IFRSs that were issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and endorsed for use in the European Union and are mandatorily effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2018. Their adoption has not had a material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: The Company has adopted IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (revised in July 2014) and the related consequential amendments to other IFRS Standards for the first time in the current year. The requirements of IFRS 9 represent a significant change from IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

The adoption of these amendments has had no material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 August 2019

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

• IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers: The Company has adopted IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (as amended in April 2016) for the first time in the current year. IFRS 15 introduced a 5-step approach to revenue recognition, with more prescriptive guidance added to deal with specific scenarios.

The Company has applied IFRS 15 using the retrospective with cumulative effect method – i.e. by recognising the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 15 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 September 2018. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under IAS 18 and IAS 11.

The Company's accounting policies for its revenue streams are disclosed in detail in note 2 below. Apart from providing more extensive disclosures for the Company's revenue transactions, the application of IFRS 15 has not had a material impact on the financial position and/or financial performance of the Company.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to the customer, net of discounts, VAT and other sales-related taxes. Revenue estimations are reduced for customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Rendering of services

Where the Company acts in the capacity of an agent, or a logistic service provider, revenue is the service fees and is recognised upon performance of the services concerned

Investment revenue

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Leases

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

The Company as lessee

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Company at their fair value or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments, each determined at the inception of the lease. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to income on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

Foreign currencies

Currency transactions

Transactions denominated in currencies other than an entity's functional currency are translated into an entity's functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than an entity's functional currency at the year-end are translated at the exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at historical cost and are denominated in currencies other than an entity's functional currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value and are denominated in currencies other than an entity's functional currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Income statement.

Operating profit

Operating profit is stated before investment income and finance costs.

Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the Income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised based on tax laws and rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 August 2019

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current tax and deferred tax for the period

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is provided to write off the cost, less residual value, in equal instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

- Freehold land and assets in the course of construction not depreciated;
- Leasehold buildings depreciated to their estimated residual values over their useful economic lives of not more than 50 years;
- Plant and machinery 3 to 10 years; and
- Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment 3 to 20 years

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts. These are included in the Income statement.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets. However, when there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained by the end of the lease term, assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives.

Impairment of Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

At each balance sheet date, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is determined to be the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a re-valued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a re-valued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

An intangible asset is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from de-recognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprise cash in hand and short term deposits with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Restricted cash

Restricted cash related to cash restricted by law and other obligations.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial assets

All financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date where the purchase or sale of a financial asset is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the financial asset within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, plus transaction costs, except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories: 'held-to-maturity' investments, 'available-for-sale' (AFS) financial assets and 'loans and receivables'. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Income is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments.

Loans and receivables

Trade debtors, loans, and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

Objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation.

Certain categories of financial asset, such as trade debtors that are assessed not to be impaired individually are, in addition, assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the Company's past experience of collecting payments, an increase in the number of delayed payments in the portfolio past the average credit period, as well as observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the profit or loss. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

De-recognition of financial assets

The Company derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Company retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On de-recognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss

On de-recognition of a financial asset other than in its entirety (e.g. when the Company retains an option to repurchase part of a transferred asset), the Company allocates the previous carrying amount of the financial asset between the part it continues to recognise under continuing involvement, and the part it no longer recognises on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts on the date of the transfer. The difference between the carrying amount allocated to the part that is no longer recognised and the sum of the consideration received for the part no longer recognised and any cumulative gain or loss allocated to it that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss. A cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is allocated between the part that continues to be recognised and the part that is no longer recognised on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts.

Financial liabilities and equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Repurchase of the Company's own equity instruments is recognised and deducted directly in equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial guarantee contract liabilities

Financial guarantee contract liabilities are measured initially at their fair values and are subsequently measured at the higher of:

- the amount of the obligation under the contract, as determined in accordance with IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets; and
- the amount initially recognised less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with the Revenue recognition
 policies set out above.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

De-recognition of financial liabilities

The Company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (when the effect of the time value of money is material).

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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.

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

Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting

There are no critical judgements that the Directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

During the year, there were no key sources of estimation uncertainty.

4. Revenue

All revenues are generated from the UK.

An analysis of the Company's revenue is as follows:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Continuing operations		
Rendering of services	94,032	80,074
Other revenue	2,056	1,637
	96,088	81,711
Investment revenue (note 8)	532	256
	96,620	81,967

No party accounted for more than 10% of services in 2019 and 2018.

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5. Profit for the year

Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,454	2,183
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	4
Amortisation of intangibles	83	73
Rental charges under operating leases:		
- Property	5,258	4,596
- Hire of plant and machinery	4,866	3,779

6. Auditor's remuneration

The Company paid the following amounts to its auditor in respect of the audit of the financial statements and for other services provided to the Company.

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Audit of the financial statements	29	28
Total audit fees	29	28

No non-audit services were provided to the Company by its auditor.

7. Staff numbers and costs

All staff and Directors were employed and paid on behalf of the Company by a fellow Group undertaking. The Company was recharged for their services, which amounted to £33.9 million (2018: £28.5 million).

No emoluments are payable to the Directors for their services to the Company in the current or preceding financial year.

8. Investment revenue

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable from bank deposits	25	9
Interest receivable from Group undertakings	507	247
Total interest receivable	532	256

9. Finance costs

·	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Charges payable on bank loans and overdrafts	35	37
Finance charges payable in respect of finance leases	75	92
Total interest expense	110	129

10. Tax

An analysis of the tax charge for the year is presented as follows:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Corporation tax:		
UK corporation tax	4,760	3,973
Adjustments in respect of prior periods:		
- UK corporation tax	(200)	(251)
	4,560	3,722
Deferred tax (note 18)		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	46	4
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(44)	337
	2	341
	4,562	4,063

Corporation tax is calculated at 19.0% (2018:19.0%) of the estimated taxable profit for the year.

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10. Tax (continued)

The tax charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit in the Income statement as follows:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Profit before tax	24,790	20,440
Tax at the UK corporation rate of 19.0% (2018: 19.0%)	4,710	3,884
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	96	93
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(244)	86
Tax charge for the year	4,562	4,063

A future reduction in the corporation tax rate to 17% from 1 April 2020 was enacted by Finance Act 2016 in September 2016. The impact (as applicable) of the future reduction to 17% continues to be reflected in the financial statements.

11. Dividends

The Company's paid and proposed dividends are presented as follows:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the year:		
Final dividend for the prior year (equivalent to 3,491p per share, 2018: 0p per share)	14,000	-
Interim dividend for the year (equivalent to 3,990p per share, 2018: 0p per share)	16,000	<u>-</u> .
	30,000	-

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2018: £14 million).

12. Intangible assets

	Software
<u> </u>	£,000
Cost	
At 1 September 2018	1,841
Additions	213
Disposals	(434)
At 31 August 2019	1,620
Amortisation	
At 1 September 2018	1,680
Charge for the year	83
Disposals	(434)
At 31 August 2019	1,329
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2018	161
At 31 August 2019	291

Intangible assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their useful economic life of 3-8 years.

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13. Property, plant and equipment

	Assets in the course of construction £'000	Land and buildings £'000	Plant and machinery £'000	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At 1 September 2018	-	5,581	16,253	10,525	32,359
Additions	2,886	349	3,160	1,513	7,908
Disposals	-	-	(79)	(91)	(170)
Transfers	(2,886)	64	`73	2,749	` -
At 31 August 2019		5,994	19,407	14,696	40,097
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 September 2018	-	3,658	9,748	3,321	16,727
Charge for the year	-	226'	1,319	909	2,454
Disposals	-	•	(79)	(91)	(170)
At 31 August 2019	-	3,884	10,988	4,139	19,011
Carrying amount					
At 31 August 2018	<u> </u>	1,923	6,505	7,204_	15,632
At 31 August 2019		2,110	8,419	10,557	21,086

Included in the carrying amount above is property, plant and equipment held under finance leases of £1.3 million (2018: £1.6 million). Depreciation for the financial year on these assets was £0.4 million (2018: £0.4 million).

The carrying value of the land and buildings at 31 August is comprised of:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Short leasehold improvements	2,110	1,923
	2,110	1,923

14. Trade and other receivables

	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amount receivable for gross throughput and service fees	181,912	163,583
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	318,875	287,830
Prepayments	2,509	2,387
Accrued income	1,089	795
Included in current assets	504,385	454,595

Amounts owed by Group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand, and include £126 million (2018: £117 million) relating to cash held by other Group companies.

15. Trade and other payables

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade payables	460,603	409,941
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	1,585	-
Other creditors	` 33,291	23,601
Accruals	4,719	4,436
Included in current liabilities	500,198	437,978

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand.

There was no revenue recognised in the current reporting period that related to performance obligations that were satisfied in a prior year.

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16. Obligations under finance leases

The maturity of the Company's net obligations under finance leases are presented as follows:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Less than one year	424	424
Between one year and five years inclusive	1,004	1,399
More than five years	-	29
Less: future finance charges	(113)	(188)
Present value of lease obligations	1,315	1,664
Analysed as:		
Amounts due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	368	349
Amounts due for settlement after 12 months (shown under non-current liabilities)	947	1,315

It is the Company's policy to lease certain of its equipment under finance leases. The average lease term is 7 years. For the year ended 31 August 2019, the average effective borrowing rate was 4.2% (2018: 4.2%). Interest rates are fixed at the contract date. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

All lease obligations are denominated in sterling.

The fair value of the Company's lease obligations is approximately equal to their carrying amount.

The Company's obligations under finance leases are secured by the lessors' rights over the leased assets disclosed in note 13.

17. Provisions

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Deferred tax (note 18)	532	530
Asset retirement obligations	2,544	2,544
	3,076	3,074
Amounts falling due after more than one year	3,076	3,074
	3,076	3,074

	Asset retirement obligations £'000	Deferred tax £'000	Total £'000
At 1 September 2018	2,544	530	3,074
Provisions created during the year	· •	, 2	2
At 31 August 2019	2,544	532	3,076

The asset retirement obligations provision is a provision to restore heavily customised warehouses to their original state at the end of their respective lease periods.

18. Deferred Tax

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the Company and movements thereon during the current and prior years.

	Accelerated / (Decelerated) tax Depreciation £'000	Other temporary differences £'000	Total
At 1 September 2017	292	(103)	189
Charge to profit or loss	243	9 8	341
At 31 August 2018	535	(5)	530
Charge to profit or loss	2	-	2
At 31 August 2019	537	(5)	532

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19. Share capital

	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
Authorised	0.500	0.500
2,500,000 ordinary "A" shares of £1 each (2018: 2,500,000 shares)	2,500	2,500
2,500,000 ordinary "B" shares of £1 each (2018: 2,500,000 shares)	2,500	2,500
Issued and fully paid		
200,500 ordinary "A" shares of £1 each (2018 : 200,500 shares)	201	201
200,500 ordinary "B" shares of £1 each (2018 : 200,500 shares)	200	200
	401	401

20. Retained earnings

	£'000
At 1 September 2017	33,742
Profit for the year	16,377
At 31 August 2018	50,119
Profit for the year	20,228
Dividends paid	(30,000)
At 31 August 2019	40,347

21. Operating lease arrangements

The Company as lessee

Lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense in the year were £6.8 million (2018: £5.9 million)

At the balance sheet date the Company had outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2019 Land and buildings £'000	2019 Other £'000	2018 Land and buildings £'000	2018 Other £'000
Less than one year	4,641	567	4,978	876
Between one and five years inclusive	22,855	466	18,439	980
More than five years	31,851	-	30,399	-
	59,347	1,033	53,816	1,856

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Company for certain of its warehouse properties and plant. Leases are negotiated for an average term of 10 years.

22. Events after the balance sheet date

There were no post balance sheet events.

23. Ultimate parent undertaking

At 31 August 2019, the Company's immediate parent company was Alliance Boots Holdings Limited and its ultimate parent company and controlling party was Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. is also the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group in which the Company is consolidated. The consolidated financial statements of this group are available from the Walgreens Boots Alliance website at www.walgreensbootsalliance.com.

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