

**Consolidated cash flow statement  
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Net cash from operating activities	30	<b>12,473</b>	13,935
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Investment income		<b>190</b>	471
Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired		–	(7,556)
Redemption of investment		<b>1,000</b>	–
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		<b>(5,517)</b>	(10,831)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		–	16
Expenditure on software		<b>(19)</b>	(85)
Expenditure on capitalised product development		<b>(6,451)</b>	(10,222)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(10,797)</b>	(28,207)
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid		<b>(7,728)</b>	(7,328)
Treasury amounts (deposited)/withdrawn		<b>(753)</b>	27,098
Proceeds from the sale of ordinary share capital		–	137
Proceeds from issue of ordinary share capital		<b>1,518</b>	282
<b>Net cash (used in)/from financing activities</b>		<b>(6,963)</b>	20,189
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(5,287)</b>	5,917
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash balances		<b>(90)</b>	755
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<b>49,321</b>	42,649
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b>43,944</b>	49,321

Cash and cash equivalents (which are presented as a single class of asset on the face of the consolidated statement of financial position) comprise cash at bank and other short term highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less. The carrying amount of these assets is approximately equal to their fair value.