

Notes to the financial statements

17 Receivables

Trade and other receivables

	Group 2009 £m	Group 2008 £m	Company 2009 £m	Company 2008 £m
Non-current				
Amounts due from Group entities	–	–	1,005	921
Other receivables	45	55	45	55
	45	55	1,050	976
Current				
Trade receivables	49	32	–	–
Amounts due from Group entities	–	–	369	358
Other receivables	88	83	11	1
	137	115	380	359
Prepayments and accrued income	58	91	–	–
	195	206	380	359

Non-current other receivables of £45 million (2008: £55 million) comprise £15 million of floating rate subordinated undated loan capital (2008: £25 million) and £30 million of floating rate subordinated dated loan capital due from Sainsbury's Bank plc (2008: £30 million) (note 34). Current other receivables include £10 million of floating rate subordinated undated loan capital due from Sainsbury's Bank plc (2008: £nil) (note 34).

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are on commercial terms. Current other receivables are generally non-interest bearing.

The Group's exposure to credit risk arising from its retail operations is minimal given that the customer base is large and unrelated and that the overwhelming majority of customer transactions are settled through cash or secure electronic means. New parties wishing to obtain credit terms with the Group are credit checked by the accounts receivable credit control team prior to any invoices being raised, credit limits are determined on an individual basis.

The Group has trade and other receivables of £5 million (2008: £3 million) that are past due but not impaired. These relate to a number of independent receivables for whom there is no recent history of default. These have not been provided for as there has not been a significant change in the credit quality and the amounts are still considered recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

The ageing analysis of these trade and other receivables are as follows:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Up to 8 weeks	5	3
Over 8 weeks	–	–
	5	3

Group trade and other receivables of £2 million (2008: £1 million) and Company amounts due from Group entities of £8 million (2008: £14 million) are impaired and provided for. The ageing of these receivables are as follows:

	Group 2009 £m	Group 2008 £m	Company 2009 £m	Company 2008 £m
Current	–	–	8	14
Up to 8 weeks	–	–	–	–
8 to 20 weeks	–	–	–	–
Over 20 weeks	2	1	–	–
	2	1	8	14

Movements in the provision for impairment of trade and other receivables are as follows:

	Group 2009 £m	Group 2008 £m	Company 2009 £m	Company 2008 £m
At beginning of year	1	2	14	14
Additional provision	1	–	–	–
Release of provision	–	(1)	(6)	–
End of year	2	1	8	14

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The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	Group 2009 £m	Group 2008 £m	Company 2009 £m	Company 2008 £m
Sterling	240	260	1,430	1,335
Euro	-	1	-	-
	240	261	1,430	1,335

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade and current other receivables are limited due to the Group's customer base being large and unrelated. Major counterparties are identified as follows:

	2009 Number of counterparties	2009 Balance £m	2008 Number of counterparties	2008 Balance £m
Trade receivables	1	8	1	9
Other receivables	1	18	2	30
Related parties	1	56	1	61

Significant trade receivables identified above relate to amounts receivable from credit card companies. The balance is not considered past due or impaired.

At 21 March 2009, major other receivables include amounts due from the National Health Service of £18 million. At 22 March 2008 major other receivables included amounts due from the National Health Service of £16 million for pharmacy sales, and loans to developers of £14 million for capital expenditure.

Related party receivables are from the Group's joint venture, Sainsbury's Bank plc. Loans are approved by the Investment Committee and are determined by the Financial Services Authority's capital funding requirements.

No major counterparty balances are considered overdue or impaired.