

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2015

05 Operating expenses**Consolidated**

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Staff costs		68,360	85,953
Restructuring costs relating to employees	7	7,546	1,121
Total staff costs	8	75,906	87,074
Own work capitalised	8	(8,347)	(5,906)
Other external charges ¹		208,996	209,937
Non-employee related pension charges	29	500	500
Operating lease rentals		3,265	5,022
Auditors' remuneration	6	477	356
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	16	12,033	16,882
Amortisation of intangible assets	15	5,078	3,390
Loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		429	(456)
Impairment of goodwill	7	33,900	—
Network rates rebate	7	(5,278)	—
Recovery of previously provided debt	7	(756)	—
Profit on sale of investments	7	(624)	—
Credit on termination of contracts	7	—	(2,587)
Strategic pensions advice costs	7	—	700
Onerous lease costs	7	—	178
Total		325,579	315,090

1. Other external charges mainly relate to costs from key partners, such as BT Wholesale.

Non-employee related pension charges represent the cost of administering the pension schemes as set out in Note 29.