

Avon LOC AGM
Treasurer's Report
06/04/2020

I continued the treasurer's role from April 2019 to today.

My remit was to manage the incomes and expenses of the Avon LOC.

The accounting period has changed to calendar year as we are advised the accounts and treasurer's report need to be made available before the AGM. The figures in the accounts therefore cover activity for the period 14th April 2019 to 31st December 2019.

Avon LOC income for the period was £24,854 the majority £24,050 was from the statutory levy. The levy is deducted by NHS England as a percentage from the NHS GOS sight test fee prior to payment to GOS contractors. The Avon LOC proportion of the statutory levy remained at 0.6%.

Other income was from the sponsorship of our Peer Discussion Event and payment by NHS England for providing representation at the PLDP (Performers List Decision Making Panel).

The proportion of statutory levy paid to LOCSU (LOC Support Unit) remained at 0.5%.

Expenditure by Avon LOC was £35,863 which is more than the previous year.

Compared to last year:

Expenditure on the National Optometric Conference was less. Five members of our committee attended. Two were funded by LOCSU through their LOCSU roles and one was funded by LOCSU through them providing one free delegate place per LOC.

Expenditure on our website was less.

This year all LOC work was carried out by individual committee members with support when needed from LOCSU (LOC Support Unit).

The cost was higher than the previous year as there was significantly increased levels of activity around new commissioning and delivery of eye care in both BaNES (now BSW) CCG and BNSSG CCG areas. As a committee we strive to build and maintain strong relationships with all eyecare organisations working in our area by providing advice, comment and opinion to support them in what they do by promoting the interests of service users, contractors and performers. This approach has increased our voice however the cost is increased work volumes.

Committee member attendance at LOC committee meetings is funded which is in line with the practices of other LOCs in England.

In my view the time costs invoiced by the committee members in the last year has been significantly less than they could have legitimately claimed.

I recommend keeping the statutory levy at 0.6% for the time being.

I would like to thank Ruth Davies for auditing the accounts and recommend the AGM appoints her to audit next year's accounts.

I am happy to answer any questions you have either now or at any time throughout the year. I can be contacted by email at treasurer@avonloc.co.uk

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