

Avon LOC AGM
Treasurer's Report
30/03/2021

I continued the treasurer's role from January 2020 to today.

My remit was to manage the incomes and expenses of the Avon LOC.
The figures in the accounts therefore cover activity for the period 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

Avon LOC income for the period was £27,260 the majority £26,508 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 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%, however LOCSU suspended collecting levy for 4 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expenditure by Avon LOC was £22,533 which is less than the previous year.

Compared to last year:

Expenditure on the National Optometric Conference was less as this year's conference was online.

Expenditure on our website was more as we needed to make functional changes.

Expenditure on CET was less because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year all LOC work was carried out by individual committee members with support when needed from LOCSU (LOC Support Unit).
In view of the COVID-19 pandemic the committee agreed to reduce their hourly rates by almost half from 01/04/2020 as we anticipated a fall in revenue because of reduced GOS activity.
This combined with meetings being online rather than face to face resulted in significantly lower expenditure than the previous year. As a committee we continued to build and maintain strong relationships with all eyecare organisations working in our area.

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 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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