

Avon LOC AGM  
Treasurer's Report  
25/04/2023

I continued the treasurer's role from January 2022 to today.

My remit was to manage the incomes and expenses of the Avon LOC.  
The figures in the accounts cover activity for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Avon LOC income for the period was £7862.75, this was almost exclusively from the statutory levy. The statutory 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% until 31/03/2022 then reduced to 0.00% for the remainder of the period in line with my recommendation to the committee reported at the 2022 AGM. Avon LOC will actively monitor its financial surplus and reintroduce its proportion of the statutory levy when appropriate.

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

Expenditure by Avon LOC was £13563.72 which was comparable to previous years.

Compared to last year:

There was no paid attendance at National Optometric Conference.

Expenditure on our website was similar.

Expenditure on CET was more as we resumed provision following the COVID-19 pandemic.

LOC work was carried out by individual committee members and our administration secretary Carolyn Hudd. Support from LOCSU (LOC Support Unit) was provided as part of our continued LOCSU membership.

The hourly rate for committee work was reinstated to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level of £80.00 per hour.

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. Ruth has diligently audited our accounts for many years but has understandably decided to relinquish this role.

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 [andrewp@avonloc.co.uk](mailto:andrewp@avonloc.co.uk)

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