

Treasurer's Report to 31st March 2019

The role of the Treasurer of the LPC principally to maintain the probity of the LPC finances so that contractors are getting value for their levy payments and that LPC expenditure is justified. All Expenditure, including those of committee members, is agreed and the monthly accounts were reviewed by the full LPC Committee and verified annually by an independently appointed Accountant. These accounts are available to Contractors for examination.

This year was a challenging one for Community Pharmacy however we have tried to ensure that Contractors get value from their LPC. Our total income was £231,759 and expenditure £224,179.

LPC Income was primarily from the LPC levy at £ 193,600 down by £17,600 as a payment holiday was given recognising the financial pressure on contractors. Additionally, the LPC received £212 in Interest which was substantially down on previous years as banks continue to lower rates; and £700 from sponsorship. We received a grant from NHS England of £37,247 to help cover the cost of equipment to support the Extended PGD service as part of the Pharmacy First scheme and towards Service and Professional development.

The largest single expense of the LPC is the PSNC Levy of £65,766 which was the same as the previous year.

LPC Members' expenses were £49,108; the majority of this consisted of locum cover payable to members when attending meetings, visiting contractors or attending events promoting the important role Community Pharmacy plays in Primary Care.

The LPC final major outgoing is in the support provided by our Chief Officer, Secretary and Treasurer and their associated expenses which was £75,650.

The LPC moved from the Office in Ruddington to new premises in Cotgrave which has enabled its use as a meeting, training and event venue. There has been a one-off cost of £8,500 for legal fees and fitting out the office with furniture and equipment. Our expectation is that the Office will cost in the region of £9,000 per year for rent, rates, utilities and ongoing servicing which will be offset by its use rather than hiring venues and allows us to increase our capacity to hold meetings, events and to work there rather than like the old Office being a place to store paperwork. The LPC continued to provide training and support to contractors through the creation of the LPC Academy with Metaphor Development.

There was at year end a net increase in our Reserves of £7,581 partly driven by a shortfall in expected expenditure as there were several changes to Committee members and planned activity did not happen consequently. At year end the Bank Balance was £142,818 approximately 7 months Reserve. For 2019 - 2020 the LPC intend to invest in preparing Contractors for the new Contract and PCN Engagement expecting the Reserve to fall to just below 6 months in line with PSNC current guidance.

Presented for contractors is the abridged income and expenditure account for the year ending 31st March 2019.

Gordon Heeley
Treasurer
Nottinghamshire LPC

11th August 2019