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ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED

31 March 2017

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As relating to the Apr 2016 - Mar 2017 year

Chairman's Report for the Year ended 31.3.2017

The South London Resource Centre for Visually Impaired People (SLRC) continues to support the Low Vision Service for Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. SLRC coordinates the work of the sessional optometrists and attendance of the volunteers who most helpfully provide technical support, distribute the low vision aids, and ensure that patient records are properly maintained. Whilst the Charity has no employed staff it provides payments to individuals for various professional services and will make grants in aid of relevant projects. SLRC has arranged for the Friends of Guys and St Thomas' to install reading machines in the Knowledge and Information Centre (KIC) at St Thomas' and negotiated with RNIB the provision of a full time Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) for the St Thomas' Eye Department. SLRC has formed strong links with the Pocklington Trust and South East London Vision (SELVIS) in supporting local initiatives.

The Southwark Outreach Clinic on first Fridays monthly continues to provide local users with a more convenient venue, whilst easing pressure on clinic space. After some lengthy negotiations with Lambeth Social Services a second monthly outreach clinic was initiated on 16th November 2016 at the Lambeth Library in Streatham.

Having retired from the NHS in October 2016, Dr Sarah Janikoun has continued to provide the interface between SLRC and the Hospital, and amongst her many other undertakings organised the 10th annual Low Vision Day at St Thomas' on Saturday 8th October 2016, with a number of other Charities and Visual Aids suppliers being represented. This was opened, for the second time, by actor Hugh Quarshie and, as well as experiencing some eye-opening developments in Low Vision technology, around 200 visitors had the opportunity to try cycling with 'Wheels for Wellbeing' and 'blind tennis'. Now an established part of their calendar, undergraduate optometry students from City University attended as sighted guides and helpers for the day.

The aim of the Charity remains to work with the various service providers within the South London Boroughs to improve the overall support available to those most in need. This extends to arranging group activities designed to be educational, entertaining and uplifting, including the Wednesday Club, and the VIP Singers who, under the musical direction of Cerys Hogg, have gone from strength to strength and performed at several functions including the opening of the new wing of the Tate Modern on 18th June 2016.

Finally I am pleased to welcome two new Trustees to the Board, Miss Jane de Courcey and Mr Marek Karas, both of whom have already given invaluable service to the Charity, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers, donors and helpers for their continued support.

J M Butler Chairman

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As relating to the Apr 2016 - Mar 2017 year

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Treasurer's Report for the Year ended 31.3.2017

The South London Resource Centre for Visually Impaired People (SLRC) is a Registered Charity based at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London, using facilities provided by the hospital's Department of Ophthalmology. The SLRC is a registered company which is limited by guarantee and, thus, it has no share capital.

Staffing continues to be provided through the Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals Voluntary Service without cost to the SLRC.

Receipts and Donations during the year reduced considerably. Expenses incurred included expenditure on essential Low Vision Equipment for use in our Outreach Clinic at Streatham, as well as on the VIP Singers and the Wednesday Club.

E G Waite-Roberts

Treasurer

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31.3.17

		31.3.16 £		31.3.17 £
Opening Bank Balance A/c 1712024 A/c 1710358	7,360.42 114.09	7,474.51	12,123.18 114.09	12,237.27
Income: Sundry Receipts and Donations Interest	10,970.00 0.00	10,970.00	1,480.01 00.00	1,480.01
Expenditure: Sundry Expenses	6,207.24	6,207.24	4,597.81	4,597.81
Closing Bank Balance A/c 1712024 A/c 1710358	12,123.18 114.09	12,237.27	9,005.38 114.09	9,119.47

J M Butler Chairman E G Waite-Roberts Treasurer

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J M Butler

Chairman

Balance Sheet for the Year ended 31.3.17

	£	31.3.16 £	£	31.3.17 £	
Fixed Assets: None		-		-	
Current Assets: Stock Debtors	. <u>-</u>		- -		
Cash at BankAccount: 1712024Account: 1719358	12,123.18 114.09	12,237.27	9,005.38 114.09	9,119.47	
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Creditors: Amounts fall after one year Creditors	ling due -	-	-	-	
Capital & Reserves: Capital (Co. limited by Guarantee Available Funds	·) - 12,237.27	- 12,237.27	- 9,119.47	- 9,119.47	
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E G Waite-Roberts

Treasurer

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Audit-Exempt Company

- (a) For the year ended 31 March 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (b) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (c) The members acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.
- (d) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

J M Butler Chairman E G Waite-Roberts Treasurer

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