

South London Resource Centre For Visually Impaired People

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ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED

31 March 2012



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As relating to the Apr 2011 – Mar 2012 year

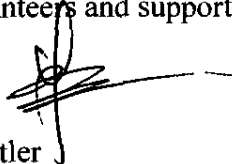
Chairman's Report for the Year ended 31.3.2012

The South London Resource Centre for Visually Impaired People (SLRC) continues to administer and oversee the Low Vision Service at St Thomas' Hospital on behalf of the NHS Foundation Trust. SLRC has a small but experienced team of optometrists who undertake refraction and low vision assessments. These are paid directly by the Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust. An Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) is seconded to the clinic by the London based charity Blind Aid and is also funded by the Trust. SLRC members, enrolled as Hospital Volunteers to ensure compliance with hospital procedures and protocols, are fundamental to the running of the Low Vision Clinic, with appointments and patient records being managed by Miss Ann Franklin and Dr Arleen Unger. Technical support is provided by Dr William Unger and visiting staff from the Royal London Society for the Blind (RLSB). Volunteer undergraduate students from City University, and student nurses in the Eye Department, attend clinics as observers and give practical assistance to both staff and patients. The RLSB has continued to send technical advisers to assist with high-technology electronic aids. A six-week interactive programme of talks and discussion groups (the 'Middle Step' project), funded by Guide Dogs for the Blind, is held at quarterly intervals with the aim of improving patients' knowledge and understanding of visual impairment.

The SLRC's fifth annual Low Vision Day was held at St Thomas' on Saturday 22nd October 2011 and was opened by Mr John Suchet, newsreader and broadcaster, and attracted around 200 sight-impaired visitors to the many trade stands. Undergraduate optometry students from City University again acted as sighted guides and helpers during the day. The cost of the day was met from SLRC funds.

The primary aim of SLRC is to improve links between sight-impaired patients and the various service providers within the South London boroughs, and this continues as the main effort. The initiative to extend the Low Vision Support and Signposting Service from the Hospital Eye Clinics into the Community has now met with some success and it has been agreed that an Outreach Low Vision Clinic be set up in the new Southwark Council Resource Centre in the Walworth Road, with a view to holding the first sessions there in the summer of 2012.

The Chairman and Trustees of SLRC would again like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers and supporters for enabling the Charity to continue its work.



J M Butler
Chairman

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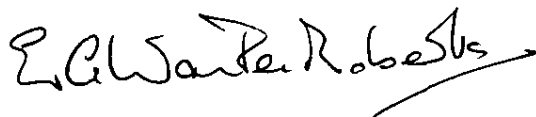
Treasurer's Report for the Year ended 31.3.2012

The South London Resource Centre for Visually Impaired People (SLRC) continues its work as 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.

Items held as stock are not charged against the SLRC as they are purchased and supplied by the Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust with all receipts therefrom being passed straight back to the Trust. The SLRC is only responsible for the ordering of and accounting for the stock on behalf of the Trust.

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

A majority of expenditure was again incurred in funding the costs of SLRC's annual Low Vision Day and care will be taken to ensure that future costs, to be incurred in establishing the Outreach Low Vision Clinic in the new Southwark Council Resource Centre, are minimised against the priority of service provision.



E G Waite-Roberts
Treasurer

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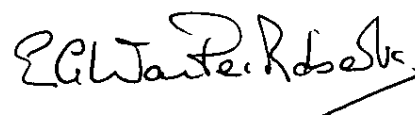
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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31.3.12

		<i>31 3 11</i> £		31.3.12 £
Opening Bank Balance				
A/c 1712024	4,944 72		4,048 88	
A/c 1710358	1,135 12	6,079.84	1,185 12	5,234.00
Income				
Sundry Receipts and Donations	50 00		2,150 00	
Interest	<u>00 00</u>	50.00	<u>00 00</u>	2,150.00
Expenditure				
Sundry Expenses	895 84	895.84	2,598 24	2,598.24
Closing Bank Balance				
A/c 1712024	4,048 88		4,049 63	
A/c 1710358	<u>1,185 12</u>	5,234.00	736 13	4,785.76



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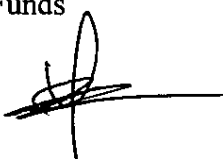
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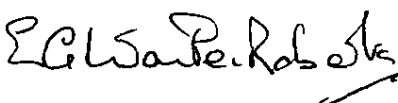
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Balance Sheet for the Year ended 31.3.12

	£	31.3.11 £	£	31.3.12 £
Fixed Assets				
None		-		-
Current Assets				
Stock	-		-	
Debtors	-		-	
Cash at Bank				
• Account 1712024	4,048.88		4,049.63	
• Account 1719358	1,185.12	5,234.00	736.13	4,785.76
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Capital & Reserves:				
Capital (Co. limited by Guarantee)	-	-	-	-
Available Funds	5,234.00	5,234.00	4,785.76	4,785.76


 J M Butler
 Chairman


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 Treasurer

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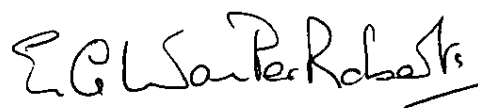
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Audit-Exempt Company

- (a) For the year ended 31 March 2012 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



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