



## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 – 2024/2025

### REPORT TO 3<sup>rd</sup> COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING and CONVENTION

#### PORTFOLIO – LIONS BRIGHTSIGHT

BY – CLIFF HOCKING

#### Introduction

The Management Committee of Lions Brightsight has been extremely active in terms of regular monthly meetings and extraordinary meetings in order to grow and develop the MD 410 Flagship Project.

#### Script Analysis

The following table reflects the month to month scripts processed for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to 31 March:

2023 - 2024	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Total:	280	431	236	255	313	86	179	323	281	314	295	334	3327
2024 - 2025	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Total:	342	336	285	327	252	112	203	329	499				2685

Our forecasts to the end of the fiscal year are that the total number of scripts processed will exceed 3 500.

#### LCIF Grant Application

A grant application for the acquisition of an additional Plus Optix A12C Pediatric Autorefractor has been submitted and will be reviewed by the relevant LCIF authorities at its meeting in May 2025.

#### Collaboration in terms of Sight and Eyecare

Your Manco has been actively involved in collaboration with a number of registered organisations during the period under review.

These include:

S A Optometric Association (SAOA) - a presentation and fruitful discussion took place plus regular interaction during Eyecare Forums that take place.

Retina S A – regular collaboration and participation in events such as the Bowls for Sight; Cycle for Sight, Swing for Sight etc. A collaborative Sight Symposium, in association with Retina S A during October is currently being looked into.

S A Council for the Blind – a joint venture activity, together with the North West Education and Health Departments, where the screening and optometry testing of some 12 000 school children will be undertaken within the North West Province. Logistical arrangements will be made by the Education authorities, the screening and testing to be done by optometrists from the Health Departments and the spectacles provided by Lions Brightsight. A LCIF Grant application will be prepared and submitted to LCIF before the end of June.

One Sight, a NPO supported by Essilor South Africa as part of its CSI programmes has undertaken to supply readers to Lions Brightsight at no charge. Other collaboration opportunities are currently being investigated.

Senwes, an agricultural Co-Op which operates out of the Klerksdorp area, as part of their CSI Programme, want to undertake Eye Screening and supply of spectacles to children attending the various farm schools in

the area. Lions Brightsight will obviously supply the spectacles but it has been agreed that funding will need to be sourced by Senwes.

#### **Lions Brightsight “GoBig OR GoHome” Initiative**

This programme, as reported previously, is aimed at providing and managing mobile eye care units to undertake testing and the provision of spectacles in rural areas throughout the Multiple District. A mammoth task, you may say, hence the name!

Details will be shared during the report and presentation to Convention.

#### **Management Committee Nominations – 2025/2026**

As required by the Lions Brightsight Constitution nominations to serve on the Manco were called for and received. These will be reported on to the Governing Board for ratification and announced to the MD Convention.

#### **Conclusion**

I place on record my thanks to the members of the Management Committee for their efforts and hard work during this year. It has all not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

**CLIFF HOCKING PCC**

**CHAIRMAN LIONS BRIGHTSIGHT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**