

Q&As raised by members for the 148th Annual General Meeting of the Society

The Board regards the AGM as an important opportunity to engage with members and we encouraged members to submit questions. The questions raised and our responses are below.

The Focus group, of which I have been a member since it was set up, has not met for a long time. Does the Society have any plans to resurrect the Focus group, either live or online via Zoom? I see that the group gets a mention in Geoff Brown's 2020 Review.

Thank you for your email regarding whether the Society has plans to resurrect the Focus Group.

We very much value the views and thoughts of all our members and we see the Focus Groups a way to understand our members needs and views.

In these days of Covid 19 and with winter fast approaching, the Society's preference would be to hold meetings via Teams for the time being with a view to reviewing this next Spring.

We will shortly send out an email inviting the Group to meet in early December via Teams and we trust that you will be able to attend.

How are Consultant fees assessed, taking into account the seniority and expertise of each Consultant?

Thank you very much for your question to the AGM.

AXA Health publish their fees for services provided by specialists. The majority of specialists (79%) hold contracts with AXA and there are agreed rates for consultations, operations and other treatments and we believe our rates are market competitive.

Where a specialist has unique skills in a particular area of medicine we will negotiate and agree individual terms. We are also able to discuss fees on an individual basis where particular operations or procedures are complex or significantly more time consuming.