



DEVON LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

GATEKEEPERS OF EYE CARE



Chairman's Introduction

The last couple of months has been a busy time for the eye sector both locally and nationally with the NHS England A Call to Action and the National Eye Health Week last week.

Devon LOC submitted a response to NHS England for the Call to Action for Eye Health and Reducing Sight Loss and I would like to thank all those who submitted answers to this either to our online survey or directly to NHS England. Your views are valuable in influencing the future of eyecare policy across England and eye care services locally through NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups. National Bodies have submitted responses to NHS England including: [LOCSU/ Optical Confederation](#), [GOC](#), [College of Optometrists](#), [Royal College of Optometrists](#), [Vision 2020](#), and [Pharmacy Voice](#)

The NHS England Area Team for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly has submitted a film in response to the Call to Action – click [here](#) to view.

Plymouth University Optometry School celebrated the graduation of its first cohort of optometrists last weekend. Special congratulations go to Alexander McGowen who won the Devon Local Optical Committee prize for best overall performance in General Optometric Practice. I would like, however to wish all the graduates all the best for their pre- reg year & every success for the future.

Charles Bill,
Chairman



OPHTHALMIC PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health is about helping people stay healthy & protecting them from risks to their health. The government wants everyone to make healthier choices regardless of their circumstances and minimise the risk and impact of illness.

LOC Launches New Devon LOC Eye Health Leaflet during National Eye Health Week

20,000 copies of this leaflet have been distributed to a wide audience across Devon including Optician Practices, GP Surgeries, Pharmacies, Dentists, Libraries, Community Hospitals, Health and Well-Being Boards, Public Health Teams, Local Hospitals (HES), Healthwatch Organisations and Clinical Commissioning Groups. We hope you have been able to use them this month and that you will find them a useful resource for future use. If you have used up all your copies the PDF is available

on our [website](#) for your own printing.

National Eye Health Week (NEHW) 2014

A press release was distributed to all newspapers across Devon and an article on eye health was placed in the September issue of Devon Life. We hope that the leaflet and press releases will increase the uptake in sight tests and improve the eye health of Devon

Local Eye Health Network (LEHN) - Devon, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly

Our activities in Ophthalmic Public Health engagement including the publication of our Ophthalmic Public Health Statistics factsheets and the Eye health leaflets were presented to the members of the LEHN committee.

Ophthalmic Public Health Poster shortlisted for NOC competition

We summarised our engagement with Health and Wellbeing boards across Devon, and the development and distribution of our Eye Health Leaflet as a poster entry, and are delighted to inform you we will be displaying this poster at the NOC on 23rd October. We will let you know the outcome of this competition in our next newsletter.

NOC 2014

NOC organised by the AOP for LOCSU & the Optical Confederation

NATIONAL OPTICAL CONFERENCE 2014

The event, organised by the AOP on behalf of LOCSU and the Optical Confederation, provides an unrivalled opportunity to find out first-hand the latest news about enhanced eye services and to share knowledge and network with colleagues from around the country.

This year the conference will take place on 23rd and 24th October 2014 at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel. To book a place on the conference click [here](#)



CET AND PEER REVIEW

College of Optometrists Regional Events 2014/15



The College of Optometrists are running two regional events in 2015: Bristol (27th January 2015) and Plymouth (1st July 2015).

The events are completely free to members and are an ideal way for you to

- learn more about the key issues affecting optometry with topical lectures
- Challenge your skills and knowledge with peer discussions on ethical and clinical scenarios
- Network with colleagues in your area.

Each event provides a minimum of three interactive CET Points.

To find out more and book your place visit: www.college-optometrists.org/regionalevents

Directorate of Optometric Continuing Education and Training

On the DOCET website you can access a range of free CET resources including current material plus a fantastic archive of past video, audio and document resources to explore.

DOCET is now providing interactive online CET, which you can find in the CET Zone. Click [here](#) to access this information.

AOP Peer Review Roadshow

The Devon AOP peer discussion group will take place in Exeter on Tuesday 18th November 2014. The discussions are approved for three interactive Peer Review CET points—click [here](#) for more information.

Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre



WOPEC is self taught training on the following areas: Cataract, Glaucoma, PEARS, Low Vision, Learning Disabilities.

To get your unique code for course access and instructions please email

Jonathan Drew (jdrew@devonloc.co.uk) stating which codes you would like.

WOPEC now has fully online course and a YouTube Channel—click [here](#) to view more information. For additional information see the WOPEC [website](#)

GOS 4 APPROVAL FORM

The recently updated GOS 4 approval form can be found on our [website](#). A slight change has been made to the submission address. All GOS 4 forms should now be submitted to england.primarycareoptometry@nhs.net



NEW DEVON CCG JOINT FORMULARY

NHS NEW Devon CCG - Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG is one of the largest in the country. The new North & East Devon Formulary was launched on 31st March 2014 and the new South & West Devon Formulary was launched on 4th August 2014.

The aim of a Joint Formulary is to promote safe, effective, and economic prescribing in both primary and secondary care, providing guidance on locally recommended drug choices. In compiling the formulary consideration is given to aspects of effectiveness, safety, appropriateness and cost effectiveness.

They update and replace the old North Devon and Exeter & Eastern Devon formularies, & the South Devon and Plymouth formularies.

The Formularies include a number of new features: all new website, updated clinical guidance, interactive learning with formulary quizzes, a smartphone / tablet app that is available free of charge on all the major operating systems.

To view the Joint Formulary on the Eye Chapter—click [here](#)

NHS ENGLAND GOS CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

Colette Wells (Optometry Assistant Contract Manager) has moved to a role in the REI in Plymouth. Contract Management is now covered by Janet Newport (janet.newport@nhs.net). Janet can be

contacted on the above email address and by telephone: 0113 824 8777 or mobile: 07909 097800.

Janet is based in Saltash at Peninsula House, Kingsmill Road, Tamar View Industrial Estate, Saltash, PL12 6LE.

For general ophthalmic contract queries please email:

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Devon Local Optical Committee: Representing, supporting and communicating with local contractors and performers to ensure, as gatekeepers of eyecare, effective delivery of Ophthalmic Services across the whole of Devon.

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