



# DEVON LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

GATEKEEPERS OF EYE CARE



## Chairman's Introduction

July has again been a busy month for the LOC.

We have worked hard over the past couple of months on our 3 year strategic plan up to 2019. Our strategic plan has been sent out for consultation ([here](#)) —if you would like to make any comments please email Jonathan Drew ([jdrew@devonloc.co.uk](mailto:jdrew@devonloc.co.uk)).

We are pleased that the NHS Success Regime in Devon is moving forward the agenda of ophthalmology commissioning and enhanced community services for local practices.

For those that don't know, the Success Regime is a whole system intervention to sustainably improve health and care services to patients in response to the financial challenges that the local health and care system faces. You can read the latest Success Regime Newsletter [here](#)

Health and Care Services in NEW Devon CCG face a £442m funding gap by 2020/21 unless radical action is taken. The CCG/ Success Regime have produced a Case for Change [here](#).

We are at the centre of discussions of taking forward ophthalmology service re-design with the success regime and look forward to further enhanced services across Devon in the near future.

Max Halford, Chairman

### Oliver Colvile, MP for Plymouth Sutton and Devonport visits Boots Optician, Drake Circus



Oliver Colvile visited Boots Opticians in Drake Circus, Plymouth on Friday 8th July to find out more about community eye care and eye health.

Oliver Colvile MP, commenting on the visit, said: "I would like to say thank you to the Local Optical Committee and Optical Confederation for meeting with me last Friday in Boots Opticians, Plymouth."

"People can have an eye test at a local opticians, which can detect major sight problems and get them the expert diagnosis they may need. If more practices can offer enhanced services as well this in turn may take the pressure off GPs."



### Devon LOC CET Study Day 2016

The Devon LOC Study Day will take place on Friday 18th November 2016 including 7 CET points (4 lectures and 3 points for Peer Review).

More details will be issued shortly including the booking form and payment instructions.

Lectures include:

- The Impact of Vascular Health on the Ageing Eye
- A(REDs) to Z(inc) - explaining the relevance of nutrition to ocular health
- Managing Patients with Keratoconus





## Local Devon Dispensing Optician and Contractor appointed to ADBO College Board and ABDO Board

Congratulations to Daryl Newsome (Newsome Opticians) who has recently been appointed to the ABDO College Board and to the Board of ABDO.

Jo Holmes, another local ABDO Board member said: *As ABDO moves forward and we begin streamlining the current ABDO committees into one overarching clinical group, we believe we now have the right team with the right skills and knowledge to help the Association tackle the challenges ahead in a consistent and cohesive manner,*

## Who have the LOC engaged with over the past month?

Devon LOC continue to work hard on your behalf moving forward agendas such as enhanced services and public health

- Local Eye Health Network
- Devon Success Regime
- Healthwatch Devon and Torbay
- Commissioner for NEW Devon and South Devon and Torbay CCG
- Hospitals: Plymouth, North Devon and Exeter (RD&E)
- Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme Board
- NHS England
- Devon Local Medical Committee and GP Federations
- Health and Well-Being Hubs Stakeholder Engagement Group
- Local Optical Committee Support Unit

## CLINICAL COUNCIL FOR EYE HEALTH COMMISSIONING

### Eye Health sector intervenes to stop patients losing sight

Warnings that hospital initiated delays and cancelled follow up appointments are at crisis point, putting patients' sight at risk, have led to a new cross-sector initiative to release pressure off the hospital eye services by treating more people in the community.

To meet these challenges the Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning (CCEHC), which represents the major charity, clinical and provider organisations in the sector, has stepped in to launch a new Primary Eye Care Framework for eye health services. Click [here](#) for more information

### Additional AOP resource introduced to help resolve Capita late payment issues

The Association of Optometrists (AOP) has appointed a dedicated resource to help resolve ophthalmic payment issues that some contractors are facing with Capita. The resource is available to all contractors, regardless of AOP membership. For further information and contact details click [here](#)



### Primary Care Support England Update

Primary Care Support England (PCSE) has issued the latest stakeholder bulletin which includes an update on the ophthalmic payments. The July bulletin can be found at: <http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/stakeholder-bulletin-july2016/>

### ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION STANDARD

NHS England has introduced a new Accessible Information Standard as a legal requirement. This will be a legal standard from 31st July 2016—For more information see our website [here](#)

### Claiming your CET allowance for 2015

The allowance for CET undertaken in 2015 in England has increased to £540.

The window for submitting claims is 1 July 2016—31 October 2016. The address to send completed forms is Ophthalmic Payments Services, Primary Care Support England, PO Box 350, Darlington, DL1 9QN

To download the claim form click [here](#)

### FREE ONLINE CET WITH WOPEC

Devon LOC have **FREE** activation codes for online courses with WOPEC. These include Cataract, Glaucoma, Low vision, PEARS and Learning Disabilities.

If you would like to undertake any of these short online courses and would like more information please contact Jonathan Drew.

### Do you have a Twitter account?

For both local and national updates on optics follow the Devon LOC Twitter account (Devonloc1)

Click [here](#) to see Devon LOC on Twitter

**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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