



## DEVON LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

GATEKEEPERS OF EYE CARE



### Chairman's Introduction

As you may be aware, in June/July the LOC spent some time reviewing the future priorities of the LOC and we have produced a strategy document for the next 3 years.

**The LOC represents the views of all practitioners in Devon. This is your opportunity to have your say & influence our future strategy.**

This strategy document is available online on the LOC website and can be viewed [here](#). This document was sent out to you for formal consultation for any comments or suggestions. We would value any comments on this document—please forward any comments to Jonathan on [jdrew@devonloc.co.uk](mailto:jdrew@devonloc.co.uk) or 01392 834026.

May I also remind you that Jonathan is always available on the above details to offer help or assistance on a range of topics such as contractual issues, claiming you CET allowance or offering advice on clinical issues. Please feel free to contact the LOC as your first port of call for any issues you are facing.

If you would like to add anything to the monthly LOC newsletter or advertise anything on the LOC website please contact Jonathan.

Max Halford, Chairman

#### DEVON LOC CET STUDY DAY AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 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).

Lectures include:

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

The cost of the Study Day is

- Early Bird rate: £50.00 (booking until 10th October 2016)
- Normal rate: £60 (booking until 13th November 2016)

For more information click [here](#)

To book on the event through Eventbrite follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/devon-loc-study-day-tickets-26998912474>

Any questions please contact Jonathan Drew: [jdrew@devonloc.co.uk](mailto:jdrew@devonloc.co.uk)



#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY SERVICES

The South Devon and Torbay CCG have launched a public consultation on re-shaping community based health services.. The Public Consultation ends on Wednesday 23rd November 2016

The CCG has said *"To meet rising demand for services, do more to help people stay well and use our limited staff more effectively, the NHS locally needs to change. We need to invest more in the services that most people use and work more closely with social care and the voluntary sector"*.

The CCG are running a series of public meetings—click [here](#) to find out more.

There is also a questionnaire which can be completed online—click [here](#)

#### Re-shaping community-based health services - a public consultation

Thursday 1 September to  
Wednesday 23 November 2016

Seven sections of information for the 12 week consultation

- Consultation documents
- Public meetings
- Feedback questionnaire
- Briefings and presentations
- Video interviews and case studies
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Contact us



# CAPITA

## CAPITA: PAYMENT SERVICE PLAN MUST DELIVER INSISTS OPTICAL LEADERS

Optical sector leaders have made it clear to NHS England and Capita that the latest plan to turn around the ophthalmic payments service must not fail.

Leaders demanded crunch talks to highlight the acute problems the chaos was causing the sector and to hear NHS England's plans for the improvement of the Primary Care Support England (PCSE) service, delivered by Capita.

In a letter to the sector following urgent discussions on 30 August, NHS England apologised for the failures in the services. Karen Wheeler, the NHS England director responsible for overseeing the contract, provided assurances that Capita were being held to account for their unacceptable service levels and confirmed that financial penalties had been applied.

For further information click [here](#)

## ULTRA™ Regional Event (Bausch + Lomb)

Bausch + Lomb ULTRA™ launch event in Meeting Room 5 at the Aztec Hotel & Spa, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4TS on Monday 10th October from 18:00 - 21:30.

There are two points for Optometrists, CLO's and DO's so all welcome

For more information and booking click [here](#)



## THE STATE OF THE NATION EYE HEALTH 2016

The RNIB have recently produced a report containing the latest research and evidence on the state of eye health in the UK in 2016. This report contains the data and insight that commissioners, policy makers, service providers and professionals working in the health, care and voluntary sectors need in order to make a difference.

To view the report click [here](#)

## CLAIMING YOUR CET ALLOWANCE

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

The address of the area team is NHS England, South Region – South West, Peninsula House, Kingsmill Road, Tamar View Industrial Estate, Saltash, PL12 6LE

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 ([jdrew@devonloc.co.uk](mailto:jdrew@devonloc.co.uk))



THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS

## COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS GUIDANCE FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

The mission of the College is to raise standards of optometric education and practice. They do this by providing the necessary evidence-base and by supporting members in their professional development so they deliver the highest quality of eyecare for the benefit of the public.

The College of Optometrists is beginning the review of its 'Guidance for professional practice', due in 2017, and is asking professionals to complete this short survey

To complete the short survey click [here](#)

## RACONTEUR—NATIONAL EYE HEALTH WEEK 2016

Last week was National Eye Health Week 2016 and an article on Vision was included in the Raconteur Magazine.

You can see the article here: <http://raconteur.net/vision-2016>

# RACONTEUR

**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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