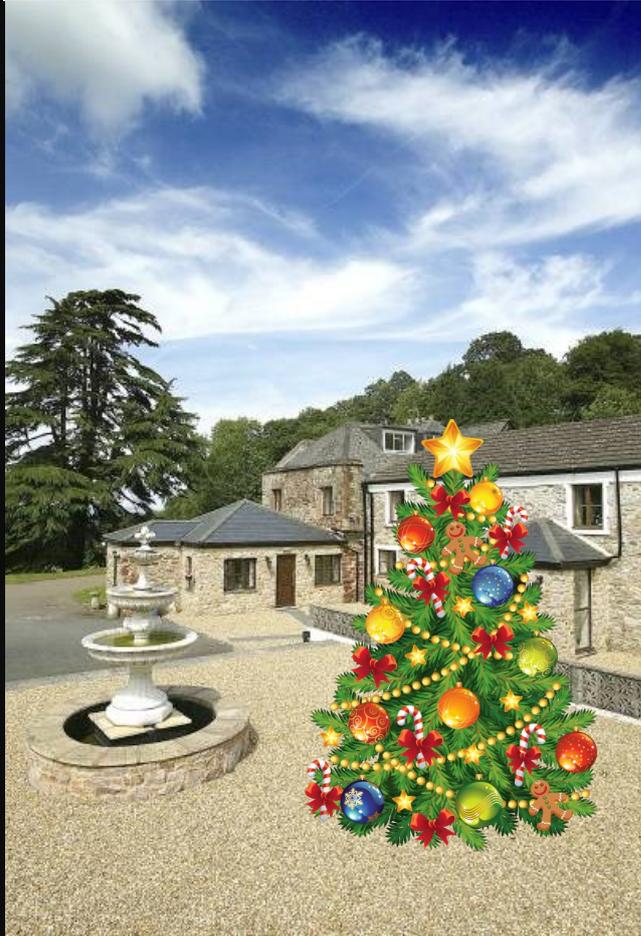




Merry Christmas

DEVON LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

GATEKEEPERS OF EYE CARE



Chairman's Introduction

I can't believe where this year has gone! Its again been a busy year but great to see some moving forward on the commissioning of enhanced optical service in Devon.

At the start of the year we had a series of regional events looking at the GOS contract and the management of minor eye conditions. We were pleased to see that these events were well attended and generated some good lively discussion. We are still negotiating MECS with both CCGs and hospitals across Devon and will continue this into 2017.

This year we launched our LOC 3 Year Strategic Plan and we continue to work on our objectives contained in this document.

We had a great Study Day last month and good to see 60 people in attendance. We are committed to education as an LOC and we will continue to provide opportunities for CET and networking into 2017. The next Study Day will take place in Spring 2018.

We are here to represent you—if you have any comments, suggestions or questions please feel free to contact myself (max@devonloc.co.uk) or Jonathan Drew (jdrew@devonloc.co.uk)

Max Halford, Chairman

PCSE (CAPITA) USER SATISFACTION SURVEY 2016

CAPITA

On 1 September 2015, Primary Care Support England (PCSE) took on responsibility for the delivery of NHS England's primary care support services. We want to hear from users as part of our ongoing service development and improvement activities.

Capita are inviting you to provide feedback on your experience by using the secure link below and completing an on-line questionnaire.

<https://web.capitasurveys.co.uk/mriWeb/mriWeb.dll?I.Project=PCSEUSERSURVEYQ32016&P=G975Z613K>

The survey questionnaire should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Your responses will be treated in confidence, and you will not be identified in any published analysis.

The survey closes on 11th January 2017, or if you prefer to complete the survey over the telephone please email Capita at surveyenquiries@capita.co.uk with your contact details and preferred date and time.



MECS OSCE 'SAVE THE DATE'

Devon LOC are running a WOPEC MECS OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) in Plymouth on **Sunday 26th February 2017.**



The WOPEC Minor Eye Conditions course is made up of 2 parts. Part 1 is a series of distance learning lectures with MCQs - 7 CET points and is online theoretical training. The part 1 training includes cornea/ cornea foreign bodies, sudden loss of vision, red eye, flashes and floaters, dry eye and AMD. Part 2 is practical station assessments or OSCEs.

The OSCE consists of 5 x 6 minute stations for assessment of minor eye conditions.

You are required to first complete part 1 of the MECS module (online training) before undertaking part 2.

If you would like to undertake part 1 of the MECS training please email me and I will issue you with a unique activation code and further information about the course.

Further information about the MECS OSCE will be sent out in early January 2017.

CET GRANTS PAYMENTS

There was an issue with the NHS England IT platform that held up the processing of CET grants by PCSE this summer. This has now been resolved and PCSE have been catching up with the backlog of applications.

If you have not received payment for 2016 CET claims by the time you receive your November GOS payment you should please contact PCSE by completing the online enquiry form at <http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/contact>

Please select "ophthalmic payments" from the drop-down list of enquiry types and enter "CET claim issue – [practice name]" in the subject box.

Please note if any CET claims have been lost in transit to PCSE, NHS England will allow a duplicate claim to be submitted for processing.

RESEARCH SHOWS COMMUNITY EYE CARE SCHEMES ARE SUCCESSFUL FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

New research funded by the College of Optometrists has found that enhanced eye care schemes are viewed positively by those involved, including commissioners, patients and providers.

The latest research findings showed 99% of MECS patients would recommend the service.

Mike Bowen, Director of Research for the College of Optometrists said; "This research provides important evidence on the viability and effectiveness of these schemes and it shows the benefit of optometrists working to provide extended primary care eye services

Click [here](#) for more information

OPHTHALMIC PERFORMERS LIST GETS PRIORITY

The backlog of Ophthalmic Performer List applications is eventually being given priority Primary Care Support England (PCSE).

To enquire about the status of an application to the Ophthalmic Performers List you should contact PCSE by completing the online enquiry form at www.pcse.england.nhs.uk/contact .

Please select "Performers List" from the drop-down list of enquiry types and enter "Ophthalmic Performer List Application – [your name and the town you work in]" in the subject box.

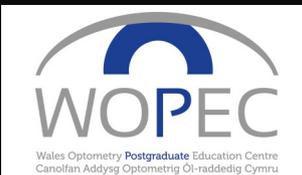
Please include the following information in the body of your enquiry:

- Your name, postcode and town or locality
- The date your application was sent to PCSE
- Your GOC number (if you already have it)
- The date your face to face checks took place (if applicable)

Alternatively, you can call the Customer Support Centre on 0333 014 2884.

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)

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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