



The Devon Local Optical Committee (Devon LOC) is made up of 12 committee members which represent, support and communicate with local optometrists and dispensing opticians. Devon LOC, as gatekeepers of eyecare, ensure the effective delivery of ophthalmic services across the whole of Devon.

Devon LOC

- Promotes the view of eye health professionals
- Promotes eye health and the uptake of NHS sight tests with the general public
- Provides continuous clinical education to both optometrists and dispensing opticians
- Informs and negotiates regarding local eye health services
- Liaises with the NHS on all matters relating to eyecare



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Primary Eyecare Devon Ltd (PED) is the provider arm of Devon LOC and is a consortia of all optical practices across Devon.

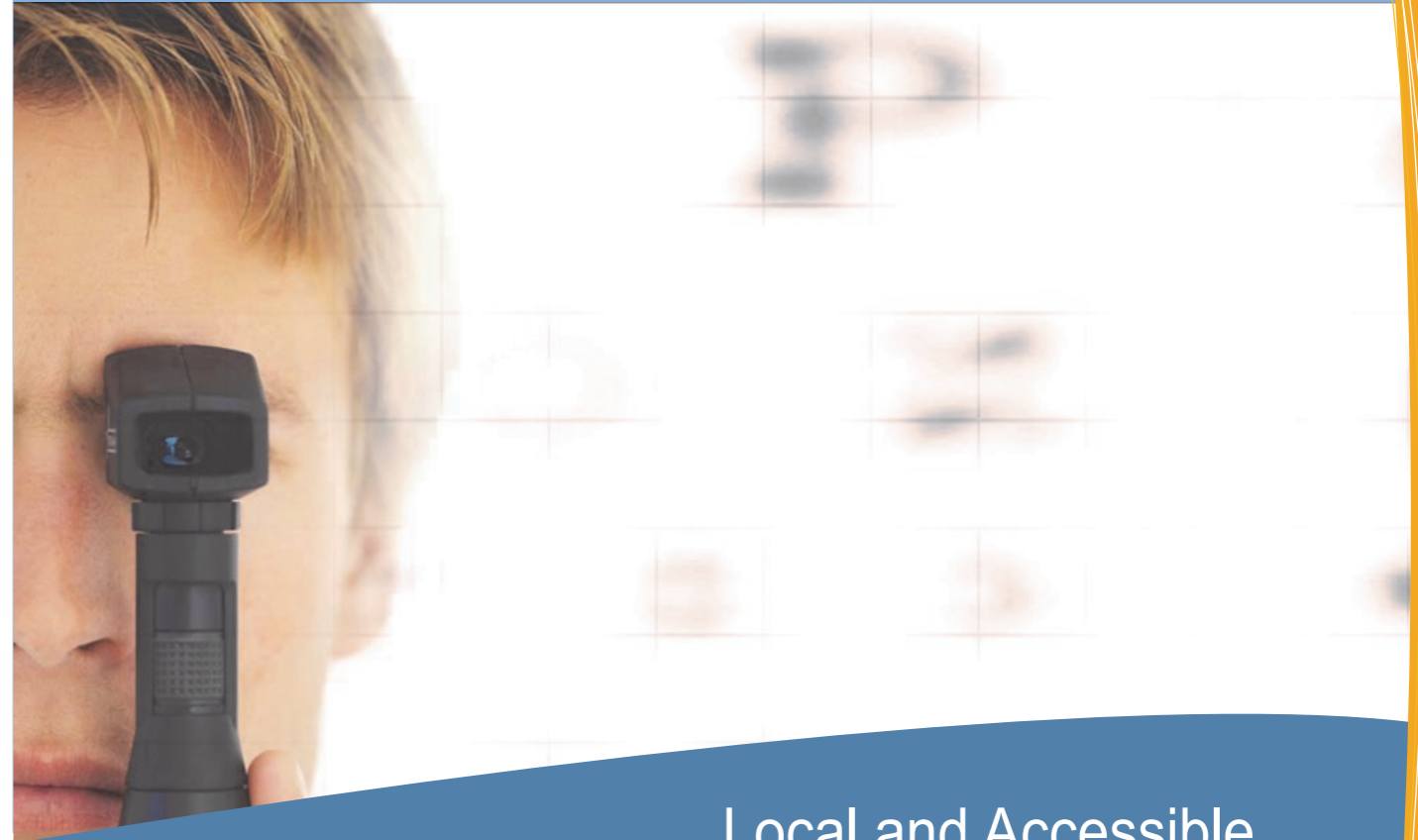
PED provides a fully coordinated and managed service. It includes payment disbursement to providers and a single point of contact for all matters associated with Local Eyecare Services.

The Board of Directors of PED bring the wide range of leadership, governance, financial, business and clinical skills, together with thorough knowledge of the optical sector, needed to discharge effectively its responsibilities for the governance of the company.

PED ensures that all Local sub-contractors providing services have the appropriate equipment and accreditation.

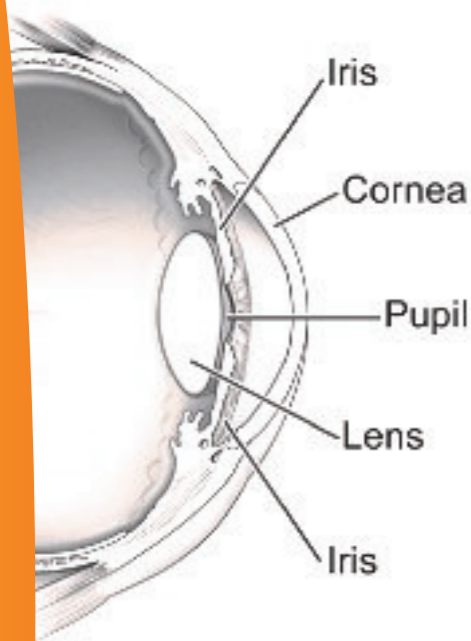


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**EYECARE Services**

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## Local Eyecare Services

THE RIGHT CARE, IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME BY THE RIGHT PROFESSIONAL

Local eye health services can significantly reduce the load on secondary care, are more convenient for patients, provide good value for money, as well as make greater use of optometry skills.

The demographic of the UK is ageing, bringing with it increased numbers of patients with eye conditions such as age-related macular degeneration (AMD), cataracts and glaucoma.

The Local optician workforce are best placed to take

on the work because they are:

- Trained, qualified, regulated and registered eye care providers
- Equipped with modern examination and diagnostic instruments
- Easily accessible, located at the heart of the communities they serve
- Able to provide appointments swiftly and when it suits patients



### IT SOLUTIONS

A SECURE IT PLATFORM INCLUDING

- ELECTRONIC PATIENT RECORD
  - REAL TIME AUDIT OF SERVICE
  - GP AND HOSPITAL FEEDBACK
  - PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT
  - INCIDENT REPORTING
  - SECURE COMMUNICATION
- BETWEEN PROVIDERS WITHIN THE SERVICE
- SUPPLY OF CONTRACT
  - PERFORMANCE MONITORING
  - INFORMATION

# Solutions for the rising demand on eye care services

### UNDER-UTILISED RESOURCE OF LOCAL OF OPTOMETRISTS AND DISPENSING OPTICIANS

#### MINOR EYE CONDITIONS

A Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS) uses the skills of primary care Opticians to triage, manage and prioritise patients who would otherwise attend A&E or their GP.

This will improve 7 day access to eye care services for patients (including during extended hours on weekdays).

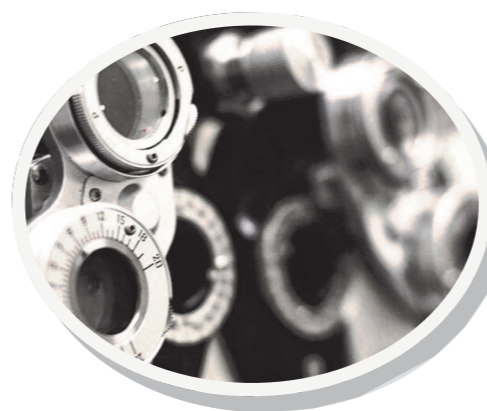
The proposal supports the national and local strategic priorities of providing care closer to home by moving appropriate work from secondary to primary care settings and freeing up vital capacity within ophthalmology services.

#### STABLE GLAUCOMA MONITORING

Glaucoma is a disease which lends itself to regular review in a local based setting. Approximately 10% of UK blindness registrations are attributed to glaucoma and around 2% of people older than 40 years

have glaucoma.

A local Glaucoma Scheme provides a regular glaucoma review for stable disease through local Optometrists. This releases clinical capacity in the secondary care service, and provides services more locally



#### CATARACT FOLLOW-UP CONSULTATIONS

Cataract surgery is the most frequently undertaken surgical intervention in the UK.

Following day case cataract surgery at the Treatment Centre the patient is discharged with appropriate instructions and medication.

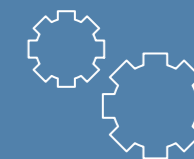
By introducing a local post-operative cataract scheme the patient is offered their follow-up appointment in a local optician practice instead of having to attend their local hospital.

#### OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES

Other local eye care services that can be

delivered by Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians are:

- Refinement of Intra-ocular pressure
- Monitoring of stable Age Related Macular Degeneration
- Extended services for adults with Learning Disabilities
- Managing children's visual needs
- Diabetic Retinal Screening
- Monitoring of Ocular Hypertension



### HIGHLY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS

**OPTOMETRISTS:** Specialists trained to examine the eyes to detect eye problems, refer for treatment where appropriate, offer advice and when necessary prescribe, fit and supply glasses or contact lenses.

**DISPENSING OPTICIANS:** Dispense, fit and supply spectacles and, with an additional certification, contact lenses.



### OPTICIAN PRACTICES

There are 115 optician practices across Devon which already provide high quality NHS and private care. This care is provided by an Optician workforce which is easily accessible to local people.

### MORE INFORMATION

The Devon Local Optical Committee have more detailed information about local eye care services provided in local optician practices.

Contact us to find out how we can help the growing demand on eye care services across Devon



### USEFUL WEBSITES

- [www.devonloc.co.uk](http://www.devonloc.co.uk)
- [www.locsu.co.uk](http://www.locsu.co.uk)
- [www.college-optometrists.org](http://www.college-optometrists.org)
- [www.opticalconfederation.org.uk](http://www.opticalconfederation.org.uk)
- [www.abdo.org.uk](http://www.abdo.org.uk)
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