

Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar:
Improving eye care in England: commissioning, standards and service delivery
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 4th September 2014
Venue: Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mercy Jeyasingham, Chief Executive, VISION 2020 (UK)
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Commissioning, community optometry, and policy developments in England**
Dharmesh Patel, Optical Lead, Local Optical Committee Support Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.35 **Challenges for service delivery**
Richard Smith, Special Advisor, Royal College of Ophthalmologists and Consultant Ophthalmologist, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
- 9.35 - 10.20 **Meeting local needs, service redesign, and Local Eye Health Networks**
How effectively are Local Eye Health Networks working with Clinical Commissioning Groups, Health and Wellbeing Boards and other local partners to commission services that meet community needs? With an ageing population and increasing demand for services, what opportunities exist for improving efficiency and value of money in eye care through service redesign? How can shortages of ophthalmic expertise in primary care be addressed, and in what further ways can community optometrists and opticians work more closely with GPs to provide integrated care? How effectively has the inclusion of an eye care indicator in the Public Health Outcomes Framework been in preventing avoidable sight loss? With less than half of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments including details on eye care and with one in ten hospital outpatient appointments relating to eye health, should more be done to raise awareness of key conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration? With the development of new pathways of care and innovative treatments such as telemedicine, what more can be done to reduce variations in services and to ensure positive experiences of care?
Dr Deacon Harle, Chairman, NHS Kent and Medway Local Eye Health Network
Peter Black, President, ABDO (Association of British Dispensing Opticians)
Dr Catey Bunce, Principal Statistician, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Mary Shaw, Chair, Ophthalmic Nursing Forum, RCN and Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, University of Manchester
Dr Mary Cooke, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, University of Manchester
Questions and comments from the floor with **Richard Smith**, Special Advisor, Royal College of Ophthalmologists and Consultant Ophthalmologist, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mercy Jeyasingham, Chief Executive, VISION 2020 (UK)
- 10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Waqaar Shah, Clinical Champion for Eye Health, RCGP
- 11.00 - 11.20 **Regulating eye care and priorities for the General Optical Council**
Samantha Peters, Chief Executive and Registrar, General Optical Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 - 11.40 **'General Ophthalmic Services Scotland - past, present and future'**
Samantha Watson, former Chair, Optometry Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Clinical standards and improving quality**
David Parkins, President, College of Optometrists
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Delivering support and patient-centred care**
Lesley-Anne Alexander, Chief Executive, RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) and Chair, UK Vision Strategy
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Improving outcomes through innovation**
Cheryl Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer, British Contact Lens Association
- 12.10 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The General Ophthalmic Contract and next steps for national policy**
Dr David Geddes, Head of Primary Care Commissioning, NHS England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Dr Waqaar Shah, Clinical Champion for Eye Health, RCGP
Steve Moat, Senior Producer, Westminster Health Forum