



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Newsletter, bringing you all our latest summarised news and how it will affect you! We look forward to keeping you up-to-date and informed!



## **LOC Officers Voted in for another year!**

*Following the latest Wiltshire LOC Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June, Colin Gault, Martin Bull and Carolyn Hudd were all re-elected to continue for another year in their posts as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We welcome Rob Hopwood, Boots, Devizes as our new Vice-Chair!*

## **Wiltshire Community Ophthalmic Service**

*During the LOC meeting concerns were raised over falling numbers of referrals received from the triage system. These concerns will be raised at a meeting with CCG next week. We will update you as necessary!*

## **Swindon Community Ophthalmic Service**

*Work is going ahead with Swindon CCG, LOC and LOCSU to try and implement new pathways and services in the area. We will keep you up-to-date with the progress of these talks.*

## **Engaging our Optoms**

*After a low turnout at the AGM in May, discussions have taken place to improve our services to you.*

*Please look out for a survey coming your way where you will be able to have your say and make suggestions for the future!*

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## Electronic GOS Form Submission

During our LOC meeting, Kirsty Adlem, PCSE Ophthalmic Engagement Manager gave a presentation demonstrating the proposed Online Submission System. This system is to be rolled-out, approximately, in autumn 2019.

The benefits of the system are as follows:

- Easier
- Quicker
- Provides Track & Trace
- Signatures can be in bulk (except by a performer)
- Paperless
- Payments processed that day for next run
- Prevents errors (system doesn't allow progress through the form if an element is incorrect)
- Allows access to statement of accounts and gives detailed analysis of data

A paper system will run alongside the new system and an updated version of GOS forms will replace the old forms with a 3 month phase out period.

The LOC recommend adopting the new online system and you should look out for information from PCSE in the coming months. All forms will be available through your PMS provider or through PCSE Online. For more information go to our website.

<https://www.wiltshireloc.org.uk/news/>

## National Eye Health Week 23-29 September 2019

During National Eye Health Week this year, Debbie Fernell of Eye Health Promotion Group has asked local practises for their help in collating marketing data.

The Eye Health Promotion Group will be using pop-up stands in local town centres to provide a quick eye test to people passing.

If any problems are identified, they will hand a leaflet out and recommend they attend their local Optician for an appointment. Debbie would like to know how many people come into your practises after being handed a leaflet. More details will follow with how to get in contact.

## Getting Involved with Wiltshire LOC

If you would like more information about what we do for you please visit our website:  
<https://www.wiltshireloc.org.uk>

Here you will find news, contact information, practitioner information and any important updates.

If you would like to become more involved please contact us. We always welcome our members to attend any LOC meeting as observers and look forward to hearing from more of you in the future.

## CET EVENTS

A new CET is coming up on 25 July 2019 titled **Referrals: Working together with your Hospital Eye Service for the benefits of your patients**

This is due to take place in Mecure, White Hart Hotel, Salisbury at 1830 hrs. The talk will be led by Matthew Wakefield, Consultant Ophthalmologist SDH and is worth 3 CET points. Please get in touch asap if you would like to register your attendance. The evening will start with a welcome buffet!

