

A workforce vision for the UK ONE YEAR ON

We believe optometrists should be at the heart of patient-centred eye care in the UK, making full use of their skills, developing new ones, and leading and delivering new models of care to improve patient outcomes.

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Our achievements so far:



Promoting the role of our profession to government and policy makers



- ✓ Provided policy expertise to MP Marsha de Cordova's National Eye Health Strategy Bill
- ✓ Promoted the profession in Westminster at the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Eye Health and Visual Impairment
- ✓ Gave oral evidence to the House of Lords Committee on the Integration of Primary and Community care, highlighting the important role of optometrists.

Championing optometrists as first contact practitioners



We have ensured health services and governments recognise the value of optometry-led services, such as:

- Providing strategic and clinical input, including our contribution to the Welsh Government's consultation on changes to primary eye care
- Co-chairing a national group to improve digital image sharing between primary, community and secondary care across the UK.

Developing new skills

Providing high-quality CPD resources through our online CPD hub, webinars and events



More CPD in non-clinical domains:



College-led UK-wide eye care data modelling project

This project will be delivered by early 2024 and aims to:

- Model predicted eye care workforce and identify the prevalence of 14 eye condition groups over the next 5-10 years
- Provide an interactive dashboard that will:
 - Offer a model of future local eye care needs
 - Support evidence-based workforce planning and commissioning.

This project is co-funded by:

