

News Release

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New training announced for new officers

The Local Optical Committee Support Unit (LOCSU) has announced two induction training days to help optical committee members to respond to the opportunities created by changes within NHS in England. The training will also particularly help new officers' develop their 'nuts and bolts' knowledge of how best to support their local optical committee. The training will also cover:

- how effectively run Local or Regional Committees mean more opportunities for community optometry;
 - how to capitalise on the new NHS landscape
- and
- improving communications and negotiations with commissioners.

Gill Brabner, Director of Training and Development for LOCSU, said:

“Local and Regional Optical Committees are facing a seismic shift in the way eye care services are commissioned. This induction provides both new officers and officers who want refresher training – with the means to help them navigate these challenging new waters.”

All day training is offered in London on Wednesday, 13th July at the Federation of Dispensing Opticians, Boardroom, 199 Gloucester Terrace W2 6LD.

Another day is offered for officers from the North of England in Leeds on Monday 18th July at the Leeds Park Plaza Hotel, Boar Lane, City Square, Leeds LS1 5NS.

Both days include lunch and refreshments and last from 10am-4pm.

To book your place (including dietary requirements) , please contact Jacque Hudson, Office Manager at Local Optical Committee Support Unit, either at jacquehudson@locsu.co.uk or call 020 7202 8156.

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