

News Release

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NEW BOARD APPOINTMENT AT LOCSU

Local Optical Committee (LOC) members in the North of England will have a new representative, thanks to the appointment of Steve Mayer as LOCSU Board member. Steve, who is currently Chair of West Pennine Local Optical Committee, has his own independent practice in the North West.

Welcoming Steve's appointment, Alan Tinger, Chair of LOCSU, acknowledged the contribution made by his predecessor, Rena Souten, saying:

"As an active Board member, Rena helped LOCSU greatly in moving forward – her retirement from the Board because of family health reasons is a loss to us and we wish her and her family well for the future.

"We are however delighted that Steve will be taking up the mantle for LOCs in the North and ensuring that their voices are heard at the highest level. His experience of leading an LOC will help ensure that LOCSU's Board strategies become realities for optical committee members."

Steve Mayer said:

"I am pleased to be joining the LOCSU Board. Having been an LOC member for many years, and now Chair, I am honoured to be able to have the chance of representing LOCs in the North at the highest level. It's a challenging time commercially, and with the forthcoming changes to commissioning, but I think there are some real opportunities for regional and local optical committees. I am looking forward to making sure optical committees in England and Wales - and especially in the North - don't miss out."

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Notes to editors

Steve is an optometrist, with his own independent practice in the North West. He has a keen interest in therapeutics, gaining the Additional Supply qualification in 2006 and is currently working towards the Independent Prescriber qualification. He is currently chairman of the West Pennine LOC. Previously he worked in Botswana, where he was involved in development of eye care services in a busy hospital eye clinic.

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