

## Optical Lead Vacancy



An opportunity has arisen for a highly skilled person to join the team of Optical Leads supporting Local Optical Committees (LOCs) across a range of projects and activities including service development, connectivity evolution and engagement with current NHS reforms.

### About You

As an Optical Lead, you will have a proven track record of credible leadership in the optical sector and possess the ability to engage a range of stakeholders and develop productive and collaborative partnerships. You will be passionate about the potential for extending the scope of services delivered in primary care as well as the potential for reshaping the primary optical landscape in its delivery of extended services.

You will be able to provide effective support for LOCs including identifying opportunities and aiding discussion and negotiation with different commissioning and delivery systems. In addition, you will also be able to support LOCs in navigating the NHS reforms over the next 1-2 years. A strong working knowledge of commissioning structures, extended primary eye care services, and public health would be a significant advantage.

The applicant will have first-rate communication and interpersonal skills, excellent writing and networking skills, and the ability to multi-task and rapidly pull together high-quality reports. You will be comfortable working closely with a small head office team and the wider team of established optical leads. You will need to be available for a minimum of 8 days per month.

Working from home, with the requirement to potentially travel as required and as Covid restrictions allow, to attend meetings; you will serve localities, attending meetings across it as required.

Hours are flexible but the ability to attend evening meetings is essential. A competitive daily rate is offered in addition to the opportunity to work with some of the top influencers in the optical sector.

### About LOCSU

LOCSU is the Local Optical Committee Support Unit, supporting Local Optical Committees (LOCs) in England across a range of activities relating to primary eye care. Our work includes policy work and lobbying, pathway development, commissioning support, governance and compliance support, communication and training. Linked with this, increasingly we are working nationally with the National Recovery and Transformation programme. For further information see our website:

<https://www.locsu.co.uk/>

<https://www.locsu.co.uk/what-we-do/>

<https://www.locsu.co.uk/recovery-reform/>

### How to apply

We welcome applications from experienced and enthusiastic individuals from the eye health sector. To apply please send a copy of your CV together with a letter outlining why you wish to become an Optical Lead highlighting specific skills and experience, to, [jacquefooks@locsu.co.uk](mailto:jacquefooks@locsu.co.uk).

**Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

*Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview, in London, venue TBC, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

*For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Zoe Richmond, Clinical Director, by email on [info@locsu.co.uk](mailto:info@locsu.co.uk) or phone the office on 020 7549 2051.*