Chair's Report – Lincolnshire LOC

Past Year Summary

Over the past year, the committee has focused on strengthening its foundation and processes and improving its ability to represent and support optometry across Lincolnshire.

A key achievement has been the development and adoption of the LOCSU New Model Constitution, providing updated governance, transparency, and sustainability in how the committee operates. Alongside this, we have refreshed the committee membership, welcoming new members with a range of skills and expertise, better representing the local professional community

We have also supported the development and launch of the paediatric pilot scheme, working collaboratively to help establish this important service and improve patient access to community-based care.

Overall, this has been a year of building a strong foundation, increasing engagement, and positioning the LOC to deliver meaningful change for our constituents.

Looking Ahead

The committee is now focused on progressing key priorities that will further strengthen primary care optometry services.

A major area of focus will be the development of a community-based ocular hypertension (OHT) scheme, working closely with ophthalmology colleagues to ensure safe, effective delivery and clear clinical pathways.

We will also prioritise supporting practitioners with the training and accreditation required to deliver enhanced services. This will include local workshops and educational events aimed at building both clinical capability and confidence across the primary care workforce.

To guide our direction, the LOC will be holding strategy sessions to identify priority areas where we can make the greatest impact for our patients and practices.

Collaboration and Future Direction

We will continue to strengthen relationships with commissioners and key stakeholders, ensuring primary care optometry is positioned as a valuable system partner in the local healthcare system. Our aim is to support the expansion of services, increase collaboration with secondary care, delivering improved patient care.

Your LOC remains committed to being a proactive, representative voice for primary care optometry in Lincolnshire—driving forward positive change, upskilling the local workforce, and improving patient outcomes.

Conclusion

This past year has been one of progress and groundwork. The year ahead presents exciting opportunities to build on this, with a clear strategy and focus.

Thank you to all committee members and our wider professional community for your valued support and contribution.