

## NOC REPORT

Rose Brand and I were fortunate enough to attend the NOC on behalf of MSWLOC. I have attended various NOCs over the past 15 years and certainly in the last five to seven years they have become progressively more interesting and useful.

We were fortunate to have Taryn Harding from NHS England speaking to us about the recent Calls to Action and also representatives from dentistry, pharmacy and GPs to inform us of their responses.

There was a good discussion

following these presentations and we all came away more enlightened about the challenges we face.

A number of parallel sessions encompassed the running of LOCs and LOC companies and also other health initiatives such as falls prevention, which optometrists can become engaged with at local level.

David Cartwright gave us an informative talk on National Eyehealth Week, past, present and future intentions.

Katerina Venerus of LOCSU gave



us a vision of where optometry might go in future.

We returned full of enthusiasm and hope that our local optometrists will be keen to support enhanced services and to consider joining us at the LOC to make these things happen.

*Linda Troy MCOptom*

## LEARNING DISABILITIES ACCREDITATION



The London Borough of Sutton's Learning Disabilities Eyecare Pathway will make it easier

for patients with learning disabilities to access eyecare. An accreditation evening for the pathway took place at Wallington Opticians on 26 November, attended by several optometrists from practices across the borough, plus representatives from Sutton CCG and Seeability. Local MP Tom Brake was also in

attendance, and Eyal Gelbart, chair of MSW LOC, addressed the meeting.

The scheme will be managed by Webstar Health software, which was demonstrated at the event.

If you would like to join the scheme, please contact Eyal Gelbart at [eyallgelbart@aol.com](mailto:eyallgelbart@aol.com).

*Roop Maini*

## OTHER SCHEMES

Sutton's IOP scheme provides funding for a repeat IOP reading if IOP > 21 mmHg with Goldman or Perkins tonometer. The contract for this scheme has been extended until May 2015.

The scheme activity is below that predicted in our contract with the CCG. I would encourage more practices in Sutton to join this scheme.

In Wandsworth the CCG is considering whether to go ahead with the new ophthalmology service that was proposed earlier this year.

In Merton the repeat IOP scheme has very low activity. Only four practices are live on the scheme, and the contract will expire on 31.03.2015.

If you have any questions about the work of MSW LOC, please contact Eyal Gelbart at [eyallgelbart@aol.com](mailto:eyallgelbart@aol.com).

The next LOC meeting will take place on 07/01/15 in the upstairs meeting room at The Park Place, 54 Commonside, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 4HB.