

Interview

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Which LOC are you a member of and what is your role?

Shropshire LOC. I represent the LOC on the NHS Midlands Optometry Stakeholder Group and support the running and development of the LOC's social media pages and CPD. In addition to this, I lead the Medical Retina Managed Clinical Network, a ground breaking initiative designed to bring together optometrists and ophthalmologists through collaborative discussions and clinical placements. I'm also a LOCSU Board member and liaison to the Midlands and East of England LOC Regional Forums.

How long have you been involved in the LOC?

I've been attending LOC meetings since 2018 and have been a member of the LOC since June 2019.

What made you decide to get involved in the LOC?

Working as a Hospital Optometrist at the local NHS Trust and as a regular locum optometrist in Shropshire gave me a unique perspective on what was happening on both sides of the fence. I was keen to use this to help bridge the gap between primary and secondary care for the benefit of patients and optical practices across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. I also wanted to use my experience as a Clinical Governance and Performance Lead to support the ongoing conversations with the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on matters relating to NHS eyecare services.

What have you got out of being an LOC member?

Being an LOC member has been extremely rewarding as I've gained a wealth of knowledge from other experienced LOC members that I am now able to share with those who are new to the committee. There have also been multiple post-pandemic changes across optometry and ophthalmology in the area that have given me opportunities for further development, learning new skills and building key partnerships.

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What would you say to anyone wondering whether to get involved with their LOC?

Joining an LOC is a great way of shaping the profession in your local community. New committee members are essential because they help to bring in a different perspective and new ideas. LOC's really thrive when members are from diverse backgrounds and specialisms.