ABDO NCC and Regional Leads

Be part of the new structure!

There's a role you can play in the new way we operate.

National Clinical Committee Member

In light of the decision taken by the ABDO to restructure some of the existing committees, members are invited to be part of the new structure by applying for a position on the newly formed National Clinical Committee (NCC).

Applications are invited from enthusiastic passionate professionals who would like to be at the forefront of professional development for dispensing opticians. Additionally, those who may possess skills in education, community pathways and have a genuine desire to explore opportunities that would see dispensing opticians expand their scope of practice would be welcome to apply.

The NCC will be chaired by the vice president along with the head of policy and development, director of ABDO professional examinations and six appointed members of ABDO who possess a special interest in one or more of the following fields: contact lenses, low vision, general dispensing activities or the delivery of CET to ABDO members.

The NCC will report directly to the ABDO board and engage with Regional Leads/Sub Regional Leads along with the ABDO CET department. Additionally they will work closely with external bodies in optics including charity organisations.

It should be noted that this committee will possess the ability to co-opt individuals with relevant expertise on specific projects when deemed appropriate.

It is envisaged that the NCC would consider all matters relating to current and future involvement of dispensing opticians in the following areas:

- *Involvement in service delivery*
- *Response to consultations*
- *Lead in specific areas of interest ie paediatric dispensing, low vision*
- *CLOs - minor eye conditions pathway*
- *LV rehabilitation and provision of low vision services*
- *Triage in community practice*
- *Inter-profession network and relations*
- *Promoting the role of the DO*
- *Ensure DOs recognise their capabilities and remit*
- *Development/involvement of individual ABDO members*
- *Public recognition*

Reasonable expenses to cover time out of practice will be given to successful applicants. Each position will run for a term of three years. The group will meet in person 3 - 4 times a year, with the use of video conferencing at other times and when more convenient to the individuals concerned.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR ALL POSITIONS
30 April 2016

Regional Lead and Sub Regional Lead

In light of the decision taken by the ABDO to nationally restructure from areas to regions, members are invited to be part of the new structure by applying for the positions of Regional Lead and Sub Regional Lead in their respective region.

From January 2017, ABDO will be divided into the following regions: ABDO Scotland, ABDO Wales, ABDO Northern Ireland, ABDO North of England, ABDO Midlands, ABDO London, ABDO South.

Within each region, the Regional Lead will be supported by Sub Regional Leads who between them will cover a large geographical area looking after the interests of ABDO members.

ABDO is making every effort to ensure dispensing opticians are properly represented in an ever changing political landscape. By altering the direction of travel to meet these political objectives, recruiting people who are interested in promoting the skills and character of dispensing opticians locally and nationally is fundamental to the success of the restructure. Coupled with extensive drive to see the profession develop on a political front, the candidate will demonstrate a sound awareness of the activity within their local area and identify opportunities where dispensing opticians are seen as integral to eye care delivery.

The role of the Regional Lead is as follows:

- *Be an ABDO member with an interest in optical politics*
- *Engage with internal and external committees*
- *Have excellent inter-personal skills*
- *Have the ability to work within a group and be self-motivated*
- *Proactive in the LOC they are working in*
- *Full understanding of local and national policies*
- *Contractual issues, ie IGT, PPV*
- *Aspire to promote the skills of dispensing opticians in primary and secondary care*
- *Liaising with the ABDO CET department and LOCs with a view to possible cost sharing for provision of CET*
- *Involvement in service delivery*
- *Liaising with Sub Regional Leads, and working closely with the head of policy and development*

The role of the Sub Regional Lead is to support the Regional Lead on all the aforementioned activities, particularly in and around the part of the country they reside in. Dependent on the region size there will almost certainly be 3 - 4 posts available. Reasonable expenses to cover time out of practice will be given to successful applicants. Each position will run for a term of three years. Full training will be given prior to commencing the role in January 2017.

Applicants for the positions should send a CV and covering letter detailing their suitability for the role to:

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