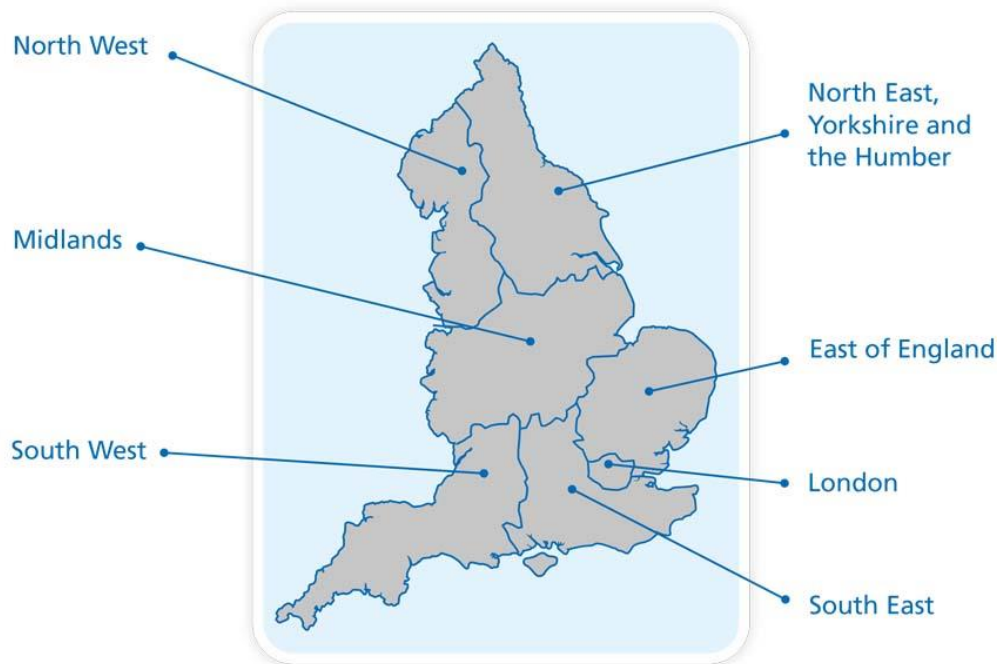


Regional Lead (RL) for the South Of England job description

ABDO has six regional lead areas across the UK; Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, North of England, Midlands and South of England. We are currently looking to appoint a regional lead to cover the South of England area; NHS England regions South West, South East and London as shown on the map.



ABDO members in the South England are encouraged to consider if they meet the criteria to become a regional lead for this area. You must be an advocate of the dispensing optician profession. Anyone wishing to apply for the role of regional lead in the south of England should follow the application process.

As a regional lead you will:

- Act as the ‘bridge’ between ABDO and dispensing opticians (DO) in the South of England; facilitating communication between the two.
- Represent ABDO in the South of England
- Raise the profile of dispensing opticians
- Support the clinical and policy team at local and regional level and participate in national discussions where appropriate
- Identify opportunities for professional development and involvement in local enhanced services for dispensing opticians

- Share learnings across their region as well as sharing via the RL team across the wider UK
- Support and encourage DOs on LOCs and other optical committees in their area
- Support ABDO CPD events including facilitation and delivery
- Speak on behalf of ABDO and DOs at relevant events and meetings as and when required
- Be contactable by email and respond in a timely manner
- Assist with queries from ABDO members and external organisations within their region and offer support to their professional development by signposting and providing introductions as and when relevant
- Recruit, support, and engage with regional engagement coordinators
- Contribute towards papers and documents relating to activity and services within their regional areas
- Attend monthly meetings with the wider regional lead team. These will mainly be virtual but will require travel for in person meetings periodically

Background skills & experience

- Knowledge of local and national NHS eyecare policies
- The candidate must have experience of optical committees and ideally be a current member of their local representative committee
- Management experience desirable but good relationship building, representation and influencing skills vital.
- Self-motivated and ability to work remotely
- IT skills
- ABDO member
- GOC registrant.

Meetings and Communications.

- Attend monthly RL Team meetings.
- Attend meetings on their respective national representative committee's.
- Organise and attend meetings with any support network within their regions.
- Provide written reports of activity as and when required but not less than quarterly to ABDO Clinical Lead.