Announcing the three finalists for the 2019 Scottish Health Awards

Optometry Scotland is sponsoring the prestigious awards for the third consecutive year, run by the Daily Record in partnership with NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government.

We’re excited to announce the three finalists of the Optometrist Award which celebrates an individual who provides excellent NHS optometry services.

The finalists are...

**Dr Scott Mackie**

Dr Scott Mackie was nominated for the award by one of his patients. He believes that all patients should receive person-centred care specific to their own requirements - whether this is supplying a LVA, referring a patient appropriately or fitting a bespoke solution for their eyecare. Dr Mackie believes going the extra mile is what makes his career still exciting after 30 years in the industry. He is honoured to be nominated and hopes to help showcase what optometry has to offer patients as part of their overall healthcare.

**Michael O’Kane**

Michael is the lead clinician and owner of Specsavers Morningside and Specsavers Cameron Toll, and works as a hospital paediatric optometrist.

Michael is also head of enhanced training for his company and has helped with the delivery of the foundation training course “FOCUS” for doctors who are training to become ophthalmologists.

As well as being an independent prescriber, Michael holds a professional certificate in Medical Retina from Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, as well as a professional certificate from the College of Optometrists in Paediatric Eye Care from the University of Ulster. This is a topic that interested him as his own daughter was born prematurely.
He is a passionate contact lens practitioner and provides complex contact lens fitting.

Michael also hosted a low vision event to help educate the local community in south Edinburgh of the resources and technology available to enable them to live a more independent life.

Frank Munro

Frank is a founding member of Optometry Scotland, and was instrumental in reinstating NHS-funded eye examinations in Scotland in 2006.

Frank owns six independent practices in Glasgow and the surrounding area and helped to set up the Glasgow Integrated Eyecare Service and the Lanarkshire Eye Health Network, which laid the foundations for General Ophthalmic Services in Scotland.

He is also actively involved in the education of undergraduate and postgraduate students and chairs the NES Optometric Advisory Board. Frank is a founder member of the College of Optometrists.

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The winner will be announced at the Scottish Health Awards Ceremony on Thursday 14th November 2019 at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange.

Good luck to all!

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