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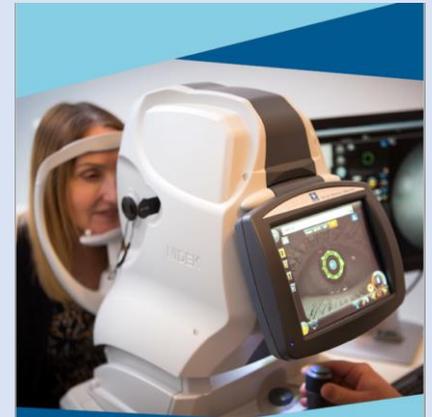
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## Breaking News

### Expert Working Group for Primary Eyecare Services



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for Primary Eyecare Services

Policy Report  
February 2021

The Expert Working Group report contains recommendations for future proofing and enhancing community eyecare in Scotland.

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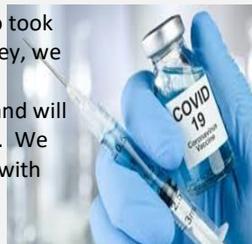
### PCAs

You can find all PCAs relating to COVID-19 and other up to date news and information [here](#).



### Thank you for your valued participation!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our vaccination survey, we had a fantastic response. We are analysing the data and will be using it in future comms. We will be sharing the findings with you in due course.



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Joanne O'Hanlon who is taking over from Emma as Operations Coordinator whilst she is on Maternity Leave.



Emma has recently had a baby boy! Both Mummy and Baby are doing great! Congratulations Emma.

### Virtual Council Meeting

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# Optometry Scotland in fOcUS

## Eyecare Virtual Exhibition 2021

We kicked off the year with a presence at the Eyecare Virtual Exhibition in January.

As well as hosting a virtual stand, we held two webinars during the event which were hosted by OS Chair, Dave Quigley and Vice Chair, Julie Mosgrove, alongside Frank Munro and Alistair Duff.

If you missed the webinars you can view see them on our YouTube [channel](#).

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## Expert Working Group

The Expert Working Group report has been finalised and shared with MSPs for consideration.

The report contains recommendations for futureproofing and enhancing community eyecare in Scotland. We'd like to offer our huge thanks to the Working Group members and other experts who contributed to the report and will keep you updated on the response from stakeholders.

The full report can be viewed [here](#).

## RNIB Scottish Vision Strategy

As part of our ongoing collaborative working, Optometry Scotland representative Nicola McElvanney will be co-chairing a workshop with Dr Paul Cauchi at the annual RNIB Scottish Vision Strategy event on 17th March.

They will be highlighting the joint working between ophthalmology, optometry and other sectors during the start of the pandemic and the future role of optometry in supporting secondary care services.

You can register to join this event [here](#).

## Virtual Council

OS conducted a virtual council meeting and EGM in February. During the meeting it was voted and decided that Dave and Julie will retain their current positions for an extended period due to the pandemic.

If you would like a copy of the OS Council Meeting Minutes, please request them [here](#).

The aim of the group is to escalate the importance of preventing avoidable sight loss to the Scottish Government and enables us to effectively negotiate shared care and delegated care for community optometrists.

## Vaccination Survey

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our vaccination survey, we had a fantastic response.

We are analysing the data and will be using it in future comms and will be sharing the findings with you in due course.

## Contact details for members

Please get in touch if and when you change your contact details so we can update our database accordingly to ensure you always receive our latest updates.

## Tell OS

We continue to highlight the fantastic work carried out across Scotland by all of our colleagues. If you are a member of OS and you have a positive story you would like to share, please send it to [TellOS@optometriscotland.org.uk](mailto:TellOS@optometriscotland.org.uk)

**We continue to work hard to represent our members as well as the profession as a whole in Scotland. You can support us by becoming a member here: [JOIN OS](#)**

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