



NWROC

North Wales Regional Optical Committee

North Wales Regional Optical Committee or NWROC represents the interests of optometrists, opticians and optical practices in North Wales and provides advice to the Local Health Board.

We are a friendly group who meet up on average four times a year on a Wednesday evening at St Asaph. At each meeting we have a meal and therefore it is a good chance to meet other practitioners to catch up, chat and ask questions. We are always looking for new members and you are always welcome to come along and see what goes on.

Our function is to help push the profession forward but is also to help Optometrist's who have any problems or concerns. There is a PPV buddy service, where one of the committee members can arrange to be with you in a practice on the day of your PPV visit if needed.

Some members of our ROC also sit on other committees such as Optometry Wales (OW), and The Welsh Optometric Committee (WOC). The ROC is a good place therefore to raise any questions or concerns you might have about the profession.

To be kept in the loop please contact Sali Davis at salidavis@optometrywales.com. You can also be added to the e mail list to ensure you know what is going on in our area.

North Wales ROC covers a very large area and we have three Ophthalmology Departments. Ysbyty Gwynedd in Bangor, Abergele Hospital centrally (please note that the facility at H M Stanley, St Asaph has recently moved to Abergele) and Wrexham Maelor in the East. We can refer to any of these hospitals and contact details are below.

Wrexham Maelor Ophthalmology Department.

Wrexham Maelor Hospital
Croesnewydd Road
Wrexham
LL13 7 TD.

Main hospital switchboard 01978 291100.

Eye department. 01978 725670.

Booking centre. 01978 727588.

Fax number. 01978 725379 or emergency fax number 01978 725670.
WET AMD urgent referral Fax number is 01978 725379.

Consultant's details here:-

Mr J. Shankar .Retinal/AMD specialist.
Mr N Kaushik. Corneal specialist.
Mr K Sahni. Glaucoma specialist.

Wrexham Maelor also provides Orthoptic and contact lens services.

Abergele Hospital.

Stanley Eye Unit
Abergele Hospital
Llanfair Road
Abergele
LL22 8DP.

Telephone number 01745 448330.

Fax number 01745 443445.

Emergency WET AMD fax number 01745 443445. Please note that this is a new number and the number on the referral pad is now obsolete.

Consultant Details.

Mr D Saunders. Paediatric specialist.
Mrs C Morton. Lid specialist.
Mr Ng. Vitreo retinal specialist.
Mr P Haslett. Strabismus and Ocular motility specialist.
Mr J Matthews. Macula specialist.
Mr Matthews. Glaucoma Specialist.
Mr Tu. Corneal specialist.

Abergele also offers Orthoptic and contact lens services.

Ysbyty Gwynedd.

Penrhosgarnedd
Bangor
Gwynedd
LL57 2PW

Main Switchboard 01248 384384.

Eye clinic. 01248 384023.

Orthoptic clinic. 01248 384024.

Appointment's clerk. 01248 384233/384509.

Fax number including for WET AMD referrals 01248 384517.

Consultant details.

Mr P Kinahan. Glaucoma specialist.
Mr S Amjad. Corneal specialist.
Mr L Kaye-Wilson. Diabetic retinopathy specialist.
Mr Zeki. Paediatric specialist.
Mr Umeed. Macula specialist.

Ysbyty Gwynedd also offers Orthoptic and Contact lens services.

Wales Eye care Service (WECS).

This is the new name for what was previously known as WEHE/PEARS. This encompasses EHEW, LVA service and DRSSW. Patients who live in Wales and are registered with a Welsh GP are entitled to EHEW examinations free of charge to the patient.

WEHE is a health examination of the eye, including pupil dilation for certain at risk categories of people.

PEARS is an examination of an acute eye problem for which the patient can self-present or be referred by their GP or on the advice of an Eye department.

For this scheme Optometrists need to be registered and undertake initial training and accreditation, then continued Peer Review.

WEHE has recently changed. There are now 3 categories of WECS examinations.

1. Band One. WEHE/PEARS. WEHE is the full examination which includes VOLK examination of the fundus through dilated pupils, examination of the anterior eye, full threshold visual fields and applanation tonometry.
PEARS examinations are used when patients self-present with symptoms of acute problems or are referred by their GP. At these appointments you do any relevant tests.
2. Band 2. An extension to the patients regular eye examination, either NHS or private. This is used when extra tests are needed to decide whether or not a patient needs onward referral, or too refine a referral. This can be done at the time of the eye test or on another occasion i.e. pupil dilation on a person with cataract to eliminate other pathology or for full threshold fields, applanation tonometry and disc assessment on a glaucoma suspect.
3. Band 3. This is a follow up appointment from a category 1 WEHE. I.e. checking a corneal abrasion has resolved or dry eye medication has worked.

WECS will be used more and more in Welsh optometry and the hospital eye service are already using it to triage patients who need to be or have already been referred in.

As and when different schemes utilising WECS start then details will be passed on.

There are still parts of North Wales where there is a shortage of WECS accredited Optoms and if you are interested in becoming part of the scheme you should contact WOPEC (see details over).

Also in Wales there is a community based low vision scheme. Again to be registered on this scheme you need some initial training and again some on-going training. Under the scheme patients with vision of 6/12 or worse or N6 or less with a +4.00 ADD at 25cm, can be assessed for low vision aids and supplied (on a loan basis) at no charge to the patient.

To find out more information about the above scheme or which practitioners in your area are accredited, see the web site

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=562>

If you would like to become EWEW or LVA accredited contact WOPEC.

Telephone 02920 876988.

Web site www.wopec.co.uk

Rapid access referral forms for WET AMD.

For some years now there have been specific forms for faxing to the eye departments in cases of new WET AMD. These forms are simple to use and are the way the hospital want WET AMD referrals.

These are to be faxed direct to the departments.

For copies of these please contact Sali Davis on salidavis@optometrywales.com

Diabetic Screening. (DRSW)

Wales has a nationwide Diabetic retinopathy screening service. This involves a screener travelling around in a van to all areas. Patients have their pupils dilated and undergo a series of retinal photographs. Detailed results are sent to the patients GP and the patient gets a more simplified summary of their results.

DRSSW can be contacted on: - 01443 844244

The link below explains the service and the grading protocol.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=562&pid=12776>

Children's Vision Screening.

Screening is undertaken at school entry in all areas in North Wales. The screening is undertaken by health visitors, trained by orthoptists and is only based on one visual acuity measurement with a pass mark of 6/9.5. Most patients will currently see a hospital optometrist, however some patients will be sent to a community optometrist for a GOS sight test with a request for information from the orthoptist.

Useful links.

Optometry Wales. (Refer to Glossary for full explanation of role and remit)

<http://www.optometrywales.org.uk/>

Shared services partnership (SSP formerly BSC) for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. (Refer to Glossary for full explanation of role and remit)

This has recently moved. The new address is.

NHS Wales Shared Service Partnership

Payments Team

Primary Care Services

Alder House
Alder Court
St Asaph Business Park
St Asaph
LL17 0JL.

However from May 1st all General Ophthalmic Claim Forms should be sent to the following address.

Payments Dept
Cwmbran House
Mamhilad Park Estate
Pontypool
Gwent
NP4 0XS

To register as a new Optometrist in North Wales you need to contact the contract department in Swansea on 01792 458066.

WOPEC. Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre.
(Refer to Glossary for full explanation of role and remit)

<http://www.wopec.co.uk/>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Clinical audit

Clinical audit involves improving the quality of patient care by looking at current practice and modifying it where necessary.

Clinic lead

A designated person responsible for the development of a clinical service, ensuring the quality of care is good and best practice is maintained and upheld.

Eye Health Examination (EHE)

EHE is a replacement for both PEARS and WEHE services. It enable patients with sudden onset eye problems and those in at-risk categories for developing eye disease or those who would find losing their sight particularly difficult to obtain a free eye examination from an accredited optometrist in the community.

General Ophthalmic Services (GOS)

The provision of sight tests when clinically necessary to eligible patients by optometrists or ophthalmic medical practitioners including providing optical vouchers to eligible patients to assist them in the purchase of glasses or contact lenses.

NHS Wales (GIG Cymru)

NHS Wales:Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol Cymru is the publicly funded healthcare system of Wales and is the responsibility of the Welsh Government. It provides emergency services and a range of primary care, secondary care and specialist tertiary care services

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (SSP)

The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership is a dedicated Shared Services organisation which shares common operating standards in line with best practice, has sufficient scale to optimise economies of scale and purchasing power and has an excellent customer care ethos and focus on service quality. They support the statutory Health Boards and NHS Trusts in Wales and provide professional advice and support to Welsh Government.

Optometry Wales

Optometry Wales is the professional umbrella organisation for all community optometrists, opticians and dispensing opticians in Wales. It represents the profession in lobbying and negotiation with Welsh Government, responding to consultations and ensuring the profession is represented at all levels in Wales

Post-payment Verification (PPV)

A process of financial audit of NHS claims. PPV is carried out by the Shared Services Partnership (SSP) in-line with an agreed protocol. The SSP is entitled to inspect records relating to NHS patients, including mixed NHS and private records relating to a patient.

Primary Eyecare Acute Referral Service (PEARS)

An eye examination for patients with an eye problem requiring urgent attention that was available from the community optometrist free of charge to the patient. This service was available from 2003-2012 but has been superseded by the EHE.

Wales Eye Care Service (WECS)

A new eyecare service, introduced in 2012, that is structured so that patients can be managed appropriately and effectively by optometrists in the community. The three banding structure includes Eye Health Examinations (EHE), further investigation/ examinations and a follow-up service. The service is free to patients in Wales who are eligible under one of the categories for a WECS and visit an accredited optometrist.

Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre (WOPEC)

WOPEC is the first postgraduate education centre for optometry in the world and is dedicated to excellence in eye care education through quality and independence. WOPEC provides short courses for optometrists and eye care professionals as well as certified postgraduate courses and helps to facilitate training and accreditation for the WECS. It is located in the School of Optometry in Cardiff University.

Welsh Eye Health Examination (WEHE)

The aim of the WEHE is to detect those patients at increased risk of eye disease and those patients who would find losing their sight particularly difficult. Patients in Wales were entitled to a free at the point of access WEHE eye examination from an accredited optometrist if they fulfilled specific criteria. This service was available from 2003-2012 but has been superseded by the EHE.

Welsh Government (WG)/ Llywodraeth Cymru

The Welsh Government is the devolved Government for Wales. It has legislative powers in key areas of public life such as health, education and the environment.

Welsh Optometric Committee (WOC)

The Welsh Optometric Committee (WOC) is the Statutory Advisory Committee to the Welsh Government (WG), advising on all aspects of optometry and optometrists issues in Wales. It consists of Members from Regional Optometric Committees, Cardiff University School of Optometry and the Hospital Eye Service in Wales. It has observers from WG, WOPEC, and a

reciprocal observer from the Ophthalmology Specialist Advisory Group (OSAG: part of Welsh Medical Committee). It occasionally commissions sub-groups for the purposes of developing particular areas of influence.

APPENDIX ONE

Constitution for North Wales Regional Optometric Committee

(As constituted under Section 5 (4) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 as Local Optical Committees)

Explanatory Note

- i. The following scheme has been approved by the Association of Optometrists (AOP), the Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ABDO), the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians (FODO) and by the Department of Health as a basis for recognition of Local Optical Committees under section 5(4) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002, which provides for the constitution of Local Optical (i.e. Optometric) Committees to consist of Ophthalmic Opticians (i.e. Optometrists) providing General Ophthalmic Services in the area of one or more local Health Boards.
- ii. It is recommended that the more appropriate title of Regional (Local) Optometric Committee is used by each ROC and that title is used throughout this constitution. The title Optometrist is likewise used throughout.
- iii. This constitution provides for the method of election of Optometrists to serve on Regional (Local) Optical Committees (See Appendix A) and the appointment of representatives of GOS corporate contractors.
- iv. The number of Optometrists elected to the regional (local) Optometric Committee should not normally exceed ten, save in areas in which the Committee represents GOS contractors in respect of a large number of LHBs. In addition, the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians shall appoint two members, the Association of British Dispensing Opticians and the Association of Optometrists shall jointly appoint one member, all three members to represent the GOS corporate contractors of the area.
- v. The names, qualifications and addresses of the persons elected or nominated as members of the Committee should be notified to the Local Health Board(s) directly and, for information only, to Association of Optometrists, the Association of British Dispensing Opticians, the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians and the College of Optometrists.
- vi. Where a Regional (Local) Optometric Committee wishes to provide for the appointment

of a Vice-Chairman, Clause (8) may be amended in accordance with the authority given under clause (16). If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent from the meeting, for the purposes of that meeting a Chairman should be elected from among those present.

General

1. In the following scheme unless the context requires otherwise, "the Committee" means the Regional (Local) Optometric Committee formed for the purposes connected with the National Health Service Acts.

Title

2. The Committee shall be known as the North Wales Regional Optometric Committee.

Objects

- 3.1 To advise the Local Health Board (s) on matters affecting Optometrists undertaking General Ophthalmic Services in the area.
- 3.2 To advise the Regional Officers of the Welsh Assembly Government on issues relating to optometry in North Wales.
- 3.3 To enable Optometrists undertaking General Ophthalmic Services in the area to formulate collective views on the administration of the services and, in particular, to make suggestions for their improvement and to transmit them to the Local Health Board (s.)
- 3.4 To disseminate information about the General Ophthalmic Services among Optometrists in the area and to assist individual Optometrists and corporate contractors to understand and comply with their terms of service.
- 3.5 To give advice to Local Health Board(s) and other relevant organisations in respect of any complaints involving General Ophthalmic Services made against optometrists practising in the area for which the Committee is constituted.
- 3.6 To advise the Local Health Board(s) on matters affecting Optometrists in relation to the Hospital Eye Services, the scope and efficiency of those services, and in connection with the provision of ophthalmic services from health centres, clinics and the like.

- 3.7 To carry out such other advisory or consultative functions as may be incidental to or assist in the attainment of the above objects, including liaison with relevant bodies within the area.
- 3.8 To advise the Local Health Board (s) on the development of primary eye care in all its aspects in the area.
- 3.9 To select representatives to sit on the Wales National committees.

Membership

- 4.1 (a) The Committee shall consist of elected Optometrists all of whom shall be in practice in the area and whose names are on the local Ophthalmic List: two nominees of the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians and one joint nominee of the Association of Optometrists and the Association of British Dispensing Opticians.
- (b) The Optometrists to be elected under 4.1(a) shall be elected by and from the Optometrists practising within the Local Health Board areas and whose names are on the local Ophthalmic List.
- (c) The nominees of the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians must include at least one optometrist practising in the area and whose name is on the ophthalmic list
- (d) In addition, the Committee shall, where applicable, include one Optometrist elected by and from Optometrists employed as such by NHS Trusts whose premises are situated in the territories of the Local Health Boards.
- (e) In addition the committee shall also include up to a maximum of 2 dispensing opticians, who must be GOC registered and who will have full voting rights.
- 4.2 Provided that the Committee so elected shall have the power to co-opt any number of (one or more) Optometrists who shall not have any voting rights.

Term of Office

5. The term of office of members shall be three years, provided that at the expiration of his /her term of office a member shall be eligible for re-election.

Vacancies etc. Not to Invalidate Proceedings

6. The proceedings of the committee shall not be invalidated by a vacancy in their membership, or by any defect in the appointment of any member of the Committee.

Proceedings of the Committee

7. The Committee shall hold meetings at least four times a year, at such time and place as shall be generally agreed.

Officers of the Committee

8. The Committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from among their number, all of them eligible to hold office for one year, provided that the officers shall be eligible for re-election and provided that the posts of Chairman and Vice Chairman will not be held by any one Member for more than three consecutive years, unless specifically exempted by a special motion and so recorded by the Committee. (See also Explanatory Note vi.) Officers are elected annually by the committee from its' members at the first meeting following the AGM.

8.1 The committee will elect from its' members an executive committee of 7 to include the officers as detailed in 8. And 3 further committee members to chair/ lead for the 3 task and finish groups, these being, clinical, education and communication work streams.

8.2 The full committee will be responsible for initiating and outlining objectives of the task and finish groups. The task and finish group lead will feed back to the committee and be accountable for expenditure.

8.2 The executive committee and/or task groups may meet more frequently if required.

Quorum

9. One third of the number of the members of the Committee, or if one third is not a whole number, the next whole number above one third shall form a quorum of the Committee. If the full Committee has five or fewer members, the quorum shall be not less than two members eligible to vote.

Resignation or Disqualification of Members

- 10.1 A duly elected Optometrist whose name no longer appears on the Ophthalmic list in the area, has ceased to be employed by a Trust in the area or has ceased to be eligible for the section of the Committee which he/she represents, shall vacate his/her seat on the Committee and a casual vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred.
- 10.2 Where a member of the Committee has been absent from three consecutive meetings to which he/she has been summoned, the Committee may, unless they are satisfied that his/her absence was due to illness or other reasonable cause declare that his/her seat has been vacated and a casual vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred.
- 10.3 A member of the Committee may at any time, by notice in writing signed by him/her and delivered to the Secretary, resign his/her membership or office.

Method of Filling Casual Vacancies

- 11.1 Where by reason of the resignation, death or disqualification of a member of the Committee, a casual vacancy in the membership of the Committee occurs, the Committee may appoint an Optometrist on the local Ophthalmic List and practising in the area of the Local Health Boards or as appropriate an Optometrist employed as such by NHS Trusts whose premises are situated in the territory of the Local Health Boards. If a casual vacancy occurs in the appointed membership the Committee shall ask the nominating body (either the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians or the Association of British Dispensing Opticians and the Association of Optometrists acting together) to make a new appointment.
- 11.2 The person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the member in whose place he/she is appointed.

Observers

- 12 Observers shall be invited at the discretion of the chairman.

Finance

13. The Committee shall be empowered to make such financial arrangements by statutory levy, as provided for in Sections 45(2) and (3) and Schedule 6 (paragraph 5) of the NHS Act 1977, to cover the administrative expenses of the Committee as shall be generally

agreed by the optometrists on the Ophthalmic List and serving on the committee (practising in the area.) Provided that the Committee shall be empowered to raise funds by voluntary levy for such other purposes as the Committee may approve.

When Committee members are engaged on work for the ROC e.g. attending meetings regarding work streams then their expenses will be paid by the ROC in such a manner to be agreed from time to time by the Committee. The executive committee's expenses will be paid by the ROC and will constitute an annual honorarium, not exceeding £500. Attendance at meetings and other work ancillary will be paid by the hour. These payments will be made on the understanding that regular attendance and feed back to the ROC and other relevant contributions is guaranteed.

Records and Accounts

14. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of the Committee and exec committee and work streams as well as an account of income and expenditure, such account to be audited annually by two GOS contractors, not being members of the Committee, appointed at the annual meeting. Accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

Notice of Meetings

15. Reasonable notice shall be given before each Committee meeting. In the case of the Annual Meeting, at least 21 days notice shall be given. The observers nominated by the Association of British Dispensing Opticians should also be included among those to whom notice is given.

Annual Meetings

16. On 1st Wednesday in May of each year, or the nearest convenient day, a meeting shall be held, to which all Optometrists on the Ophthalmic List and all dispensing opticians practising in the Local Health Board areas shall be invited.

The business of the meeting shall include

- (i) A report on the Committee's activities in the last year
- (ii) The presentation of the audited accounts for the past year;
- (iii) The election of two GOS contractors to act as auditors
- (iv) And (every third year) the election of the Committee.

Amendment of Constitution

17. The Committee may, where changes in the NHS Regulations or where local circumstances require, vary the constitution, the Committee shall notify the Local Health Board(s), the Association of Optometrists, the Association of British Dispensing Opticians and the Federation of Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians accordingly.

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF OPTOMETRISTS TO THE REGIONAL OPTOMETRIC COMMITTEE

1. Every Optometrist whose name is on the ophthalmic list and is practising in the Local Health Board areas (in this scheme referred to as "an elector") shall be entitled to be present and to vote at a meeting convened for the purpose of electing Optometrists to the Committee. At least 21 days before the date on which the meeting is to be held the Returning Officer shall send to all Optometrists on the Ophthalmic List and practising in the area, a written notice, setting forth the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.
- 2.1 The Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Local Optometric Committee. In the event of the person appointed as Returning Officer being unable to act, he shall appoint some other person other than an elector to act as deputy in his place.
- 2.2 The Returning Officer shall be reimbursed all expenses properly incurred by him in the conduct of the election.
3. The electors present at the meeting shall appoint a Chairman to preside at the meeting and two scrutineers to assist the Returning Officer in counting the votes.
4. Any Optometrist whose name is on the ophthalmic list and is practising in the Local Health Board areas may be a candidate for election to the Committee.
5. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors either personally at the meeting, or by written communication delivered to the Returning Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting. The Returning Officer shall not accept any nomination unless the candidate has intimated before the time of voting that, if elected, he/she is willing to accept office.
6. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall declare those candidates to be elected; if the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, a vote shall be taken in the manner hereinafter provided for the purpose of filling those vacancies.

7. Each elector shall be entitled to cast a number of votes equal to the number of vacancies in respect of the vote is taken, but he may not cast more than one vote for any one candidate.
8. Voting shall be in accordance with the following rules
 - (i) The Returning Officer or his deputy shall prepare a list of duly nominated candidates showing the names of electors by whom each candidate has been nominated.
 - (ii) The Chairman shall in such manner as he thinks fit inform the meeting of the names of the candidates and the number of vacancies.
 - (iii) Each elector shall indicate on a voting paper the names of those candidates for whom he wishes to record his vote and shall sign his name at the foot thereof.
 - (iv) A voting paper shall be invalid if
 - (a) it contains the names of more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled;
 - (b) it is not signed in accordance with these rules;
 - (c) in any other respect it does not comply with these rules or is marked in such a manner as to cause any uncertainty as to the candidate for whom the elector desires to cast his vote, provided that the Returning Officer shall, if he thinks fit, treat a voting paper so marked as valid for the purpose of any vote other than that in connection with which the uncertainty arises.
9. The Returning Officer shall examine the voting papers, and after rejecting any that are invalid, shall count the votes recorded on the remaining papers and shall prepare a list of the candidates according to the number of votes each has received, in descending order of number of votes cast.
10. Provided that the Chairman may on a resolution duly proposed, seconded and passed by the meeting prior to voting, declare that voting shall be by a show of hands for each candidate separately. Paragraphs 8 and 9 shall then only operate insofar as they can be made applicable.
11. If the votes received by any two or more candidates are equal and the addition of a vote to

any one of such candidates would enable that candidate to be declared elected, the Chairman shall take a vote of the meeting, either by show of hands or in writing, as he thinks fit, to decide which of the candidates shall be placed higher on the list; or if the meeting has been declared at an end before the count is completed, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot which of the candidates shall be placed higher on the list.

12. The Returning Officer shall declare elected such number of Optometrists highest on the list as will fill the vacancies to be filled at the election.
13. Where the number of persons elected is less than there are vacancies to be filled, the Committee may appoint one or more Optometrists to fill the vacancy or vacancies, and the persons so appointed shall be deemed to be elected members.
- 14.1 Where a Deputy Returning Officer has acted at a meeting he shall forthwith give notice in writing of the result of the election to the Returning Officer.
- 14.2 The Returning Officer shall forthwith give notice in writing of the result of the election to each of the persons elected.
15. Where any document is required under these rules to be sent to an Optometrist, it shall be deemed to have been duly sent if it has been delivered or posted to the address of the Optometrist in the Ophthalmic List.
16. Any question as to the validity of any nomination, ballot paper or otherwise, in connection with an election, shall be determined by the Returning Officer.

METHOD OF ELECTION OF OPTOMETRISTS EMPLOYED BY NHS TRUSTS

17. The Secretary of the ROC shall write to all Optometrists employed by NHS Trusts within the area of the Committee inviting nominations from among their number to serve on the Committee.
In the event of more than one Optometrist being nominated, a simple ballot shall be held among the hospital optometrists to elect one Optometrist.

