

UK Organisations

| Group | Description | Website |
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| Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ABDO) | The Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ABDO) is the professional body for dispensing opticians – working for dispensing opticians and advancing the profession in the UK and worldwide. | <u>Association of British Dispensing Opticians - ABDO</u> |
| Association of Optometrists (AOP) | The voice of the optical profession, elevating the work of their members, safeguarding their interests, and championing eye health across the UK. | <u>Association of Optometrists (AOP) - Homepage</u> |
| The College of Optometrists | The professional body for optometry. The College of Optometrists champions optometrists and the role they play by developing their knowledge and skills, defining good optometric practice, supporting optical research and innovation and educating and advising the public on eye health. | <u>Home - College of Optometrists</u> |
| The Association for Eye Care Providers (FODO) | The association for eye care providers who support, champion and shape the future of eye care in the UK. | <u>FODO - The Association for Eye Care Providers Home</u> |
| General Optical Council | The GOC protects the public by upholding high standards in eye care services in the UK. The GOC holds registers for optometrists, dispensing opticians, student optometrists and dispensing opticians, specialty practitioners and bodies corporate conducting business in optometry or dispensing optics in the UK. | <u>Homepage</u> |
| Local Optical Committees | Established by the NHS (Amendment) Act 1949, Local Optical Committees (LOCs) were formed to be the official representatives for all GOS contractors and practitioners within their area and to work with their local commissioners (ICBs) on matters relating to NHS optical services. Local Optical Committee Support Unit (LOCSU) supports Local Optical Committees (LOCs) in England | |

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| | In Wales LOCs are called ROCs (Regional Optical Committees) and are supported by Optometry Wales. | |
| The Optical Consumer Complaints Service (OCCS) | The Optical Consumer Complaints Service (OCCS) is an independent and free mediation service for consumers (patients) of optical care and the professionals providing that care. The service is funded by the General Optical Council who regulate opticians, optometrists and dispensing opticians. | <u>Home - Optical Complaints - Optical Consumer Complaints Service</u> |
| Optometric Fees Negotiating Team (OFNC) | The recognised negotiating body for General Ophthalmic Service (GOS) fees and grants for community optometry in ENGLAND | <u>Optometric Fees Negotiating Committee</u> |
| Optometry Ireland (OI) | Optometry Ireland is the professional representative body for the vast majority of practising Optometrists in Ireland | <u>Optometry Ireland </u> |
| Optometry Northern Ireland (ONI) | ONI is the representative body for all optometrists and dispensing opticians in Northern Ireland and negotiates fees on behalf of practices in Northern Ireland | <u>Home - Optometry NI</u> |
| Optometry Scotland | Optometry Scotland is the representative body for Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians in Scotland. and negotiates fees on behalf of practices in Northern Ireland | <u>Optometry Scotland</u> |