**THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) is the only professional body for eye doctors, who are medically qualified and have undergone or are undergoing specialist training in the prevention, treatment and management of eye disease, including surgery. The RCOphth has a membership of over 4,000 consultants, trainees and doctors in the UK and overseas and employs 30 staff based in contemporary offices near Euston. Much of the work and governance of the RCOphth is set by the Executive, Council, committees and sub committees, in line with its Charter and the Strategic Plan 2015-2019. The College operates as a registered charity. [www.rcophth.ac.uk](http://www.rcophth.ac.uk)

It is an interesting time to be involved in ophthalmology, there are many new initiatives and the pace of change is quickening. The RCOphth seeks an additional member to contribute to its Lay Advisory Group (LAG). The LAG has a broad representative membership, from having no background in general or eye health to members who have been or are eye patients and have some or no experience to related organisations. While the LAG is not a patient lobby group it expresses views based on public and patient experience of health and eye care services, supporting the RCOphth in the advancement of the science and practice of ophthalmology and representing lay opinion to the College.

As an integral part of the RCOphth, it advises the trustees and meets four times a year. Members are also expected to serve on one other committee. An interest in, or expertise of, healthcare, education, and communication would be welcome but we would also be pleased to meet people with other career experience and interests.

Travel expenses are reimbursed.

If you think you could contribute to the work of the RCOphth please contact Jo Longden jo.longden@rcophth.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is 27 June and interviews will be held on the afternoon of 14 July 2016.

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**Lay Advisory Group – Application Form**

Where did you see the position advertised?

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Please provide a statement of no more than 300 words on why you would like to be considered for membership of the Lay Advisory Group.

Please list all committees that you have served on in the last three years.

Please provide (brief) details of employment for the last 15 years.

## Reference 1

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