



APRIL NEWSLETTER

FB Workshop, Tuesday 16 April

The LOC is pleased to confirm that the workshop will take place at Webb, Lucas & Stubbs Optometrists, 8 Bridge Street, Stafford, ST16 2HL, on Tuesday 16 April. There will be two sessions: the first one at 6:30-7:30pm, the second at 7:30-8:30pm. online CPD-approved lecture, lasting roughly forty minutes, devised by Dr Farkhandah Raqib and courtesy of Derbyshire LOC. Here is the link to the Foreign Body presentation video via Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sci/fi/1h4zv1is3h0p4krnv5700/Corneal-Foreign-Body-Removal-presentation-LIVE.mp4?rlkey=7b3rbctlj4frxgzbbqbpwn28t7&dl=0>

Safety update on November's recall of carbomer-containing lubricating eye products

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency has now announced that it is satisfied that carbomer-containing lubricating eye products available on the UK market are safe to use.

GOS sight test fee increase by 1.68% from 1 April



Funding is still available for Professional Certificate in Glaucoma and IP courses through the workforce development grants.

There are also spaces open to join our pioneering Glaucoma MCN for anyone interested in learning more about the condition or joining the pathways. For more information contact the LOC admin@staffsloc.co.uk

APRIL AWARENESS DAYS

Sjögren's Awareness Month

Sports Eye Safety Month

Women's Eye Health And Safety Month

International Guide Dog Day:

April 24, 2024



**EERS HAS GONE LIVE IN NORTH STAFFS!
A selection of practices went live on 8th April.**

We need the lead in all practices to register and start the process of onboarding with Cinapsis.

If you click [here](#) it will take you to the onboarding page.

Message from our LOC chair, Irfan Razvi, who has been elected as Councillor for College of Optometrists West Midlands region!
"Thank you all for your support. I look forward to representing Staffordshire & West Midlands members at the College..watch this space!"

RCOphth outlines actions needed to future-proof ophthalmology services

Ophthalmology faces the challenge of delivering care to the two million-plus people living with conditions that cause sight loss. It sets out measures to support eyecare professionals to provide consistently high quality services to all their patients.

NHS Policy guidance: Over the counter items

This policy guidance is issued as general guidance under section 14Z51 of the NHS Act 2006 to reduce unwarranted variation, improve patient outcomes and provide value for money for the NHS. Conjunctivitis is included in the self-limiting conditions list where an OTC item is recommended for treatment.

