

## Professional Bodies In Wales



**Optometry Wales (OW)** Optometry Wales is the professional umbrella organisation for all primary care optometrists, dispensing opticians and optometric practices across Wales. We represent our members and act in their best interests when negotiating with Welsh Government and local health boards. Optometry Wales is committed to excellence in eye care.

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

Contact: [salidavis@optometrywales.com](mailto:salidavis@optometrywales.com)



**SEWROC - South East Wales Regional Optical Committee** (SEWROC) is the regional organisation for community optical/ophthalmic practitioners, within its area, which covers Cardiff and the Vale, Aneurin Bevan and Cwm Taff.

Website: <http://www.optometrywales.org.uk/regional-optical-committees>

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**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.

Website: <http://www.optometrywales.org.uk/regional-optical-committees>

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**SWWROC - South West Wales Regional Optical Committee** The South West Wales Regional Optical Committee (SWWROC) is the regional organisation for community optical/ophthalmic practitioners, within its area, which covers Hywel Dda, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMUHB) and Powys.

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#### Professional Bodies UK wide



**The Association of Optometrists (AOP)** <http://www.aop.org.uk/>

CET Funding <https://www.aop.org.uk/education-and-events/cet/claiming-your-cet-funding>

Contact: [postbox@aop.org.uk](mailto:postbox@aop.org.uk)



**The British Contact Lens Association** The British Contact Lens Association (BCLA) is an educational and scientific membership organisation. We are committed to developing and maintaining channels of communication between research scientists, manufacturers, industry personnel, optometrists, dispensing and contact lens opticians, ophthalmologists and the public. <https://www.bcla.org.uk/> contact: [events@bcla.org.uk](mailto:events@bcla.org.uk)



**The Federation of (Ophthalmic and Dispensing) Opticians** FODO represents eye care providers and registered opticians in business in the UK and Republic of Ireland. <http://www.fodo.com/> Email: [optics@fodo.com](mailto:optics@fodo.com)



**The General Optical Council (GOC) Website** <http://www.optical.org/>

Continuing Education and Training <http://www.optical.org/en/Education/CET/>

Contact: E: [goc@optical.org](mailto:goc@optical.org)



**The College of Optometrists** The professional, scientific and examining body for optometry in the UK, working for the public benefit.

<http://www.college-optometrists.org/>

**Telephone:** +44 (0) 20 7839 6000

#### Other Organisations



**Association of British Dispensing Opticians**

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Website: <http://www.abdo.org.uk/>

Contact: [general@abdo.org.uk](mailto:general@abdo.org.uk)



**Welsh Optometric**

**Committee (WOC)** Website: <http://gov.wales/topics/health/professionals/committees/optometric/?lang=en>

Contact: [CommitteeSecretariat1@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CommitteeSecretariat1@wales.gsi.gov.uk)



**NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP)** 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.

All General Ophthalmic Claim Forms should be sent to the following address.

Payments Dept  
Cwmbran House  
Mamhilad Park Estate  
Pontypool  
Gwent  
NP4 0XS  
[NWSSP Ophthalmic Services](#)



#### **The Optical Confederation**

The Optical Confederation speaks and acts in a powerful and co-ordinated way for UK optical professionals, manufacturers, retailers, distributors and importers. Working with partner organisations, the Confederation achieves these objectives by sharing information, aligning views, co-ordinating action wherever possible, based on a [set of core values](#).

Members stand for the delivery of high-quality services and products for all, on the basis of choice, delivered by open, fair and competitive markets. The Confederation will challenge anti-competitive behaviours wherever they occur. <http://www.opticalconfederation.org.uk/>

#### **Third Sector**



#### **International Glaucoma Association**

The IGA is the charity for people with glaucoma. They provide information, literature, advice and fund essential research to prevent unnecessary loss of sight through early detection, diagnosis and treatment plus running campaigns to raise awareness of glaucoma and the need for regular eye checks.

Contact: **Helpline (Sightline) 01233 64 81 70** Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm:

Email: [info@iga.org.uk](mailto:info@iga.org.uk)



### **Macular Society**

The Macular Society provides free information and support to people with macular conditions and their family and friends. They help people with information about diagnosis and treatment and advice about managing everyday tasks with a macular condition to dealing with the emotional impact of sight loss. The Society works closely with professional members in order to provide better support for people with macular disease.

Contact: General enquiries [01264 350 551](tel:01264350551)

Helpline [0300 3030 111](tel:03003030111)

Website: [www.macularsociety.org](http://www.macularsociety.org)



### **Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)**

The RNIB Cymru is one of Wales' largest sight loss organisation providing a range of services and support to blind and partially sighted people across Wales, as well as campaigning for service improvements and to prevent avoidable sight loss.

Contact: [029 2082 8500](tel:02920828500)

Contact: [cymru@rnib.org.uk](mailto:cymru@rnib.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.rnib.org.uk>

RNIB Helpline [helpline@rnib.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnib.org.uk) Tel: [0303 123 9999](tel:03031239999) (8am - 8pm weekdays and 9am - 1pm Saturdays)



### **Sight Cymru**

**Sight Cymru (formerly Sight Support) is an independent Welsh charity providing support services** to help blind and partially sighted people in Wales. Sight Cymru provide rehabilitation & mobility (helping someone get on with their lives by adjusting how they do things after losing their sight), counseling, information, advice and advocacy, welfare rights assistance, clubs and activities, aids, equipment and resources specially designed for independence training, project support, befriending and telephone support.

Contact: [01495 763650](tel:01495763650)

Website: <http://sightcymru.org.uk>



### **Wales Council for the Blind (WCB)**

Wales Council of the Blind is the umbrella agency representing vision impairment within Wales. They work to campaign, lobby and support the improvement of services for people

with sight loss. WCB provides a platform vision impaired people to raise their concerns and wishes.

Contact: 029 20 473954.

Contact: [staff@wcb-ccd.org.uk](mailto:staff@wcb-ccd.org.uk)