**Wessex Ophthalmic** **Practitioner Programme (OPT)**

**Newsletter 3 (March 2022)**

 **From the desk of the Regional OPT Lead- Rashi Arora**

This is to inform everyone that Christine Caws is moving roles from 30 March 2022, leaving behind some very large shoes to fill. I take this opportunity to express all my appreciation and honest thanks for the tremendous time and energy Chris has spent on the Wessex OPT Programme. Her diligence and self-motivation to go the extra mile has given us the strong foundation we were aspiring for.

18 months, 18 enrolled learners, 3 newsletters and a core infrastructure in every Unit ; we have indeed come a long way. Moving forward, we are working on a new OPT web site for the South-East of England (including Wessex) led by Mr Alastair Lockwood (Wessex TPD). The updated information regarding the OPT regional study sessions and the programme will be accessible on this platform. Newsletters will change focus to individual Units and showcase the work done by the OPT learners. Trainees (deanery and non-deanery) will actively support and lead the OPT regional teaching. I also welcome Jane Dunning, Practice Educator at UHS who will be joining the regional team. A big thank you to Chris and everyone who has made it possible!!

**Developing a South East of England OPT Web Site including Wessex, Oxford and Kent, Surrey & Sussex (KIS)** Initial draft based on East of England OPT web site.

Comments or ideas for the web site to Alastair Lockwood, Lead for Wessex OPT Web Site **alastairlockwood@googlemail.co**m



**New Annual Newsletter to showcase OPT work and progress within each unit**

2023- Salisbury 2027 -Bournemouth

2024 – Southampton 2028 – Dorchester

2025 – Portsmouth 2029- IOW

 2026- Winchester & Basingstoke

**Current progress with the implementation of the OPT programme (Feb 2022)**

 **Registered OPT Learners (March 2022) Plans for 2022**

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|  |  |  | **Unit Lead** |
| **Basingstoke Unit** | **5** |  | L.Okafor |
| **Salisbury Unit** | **3** |  | R. Arora |
| **Southampton Unit** | **3** |  | R.Krishnan |
| **Dorchester Unit** | **2** |  | L. Howe |
| **Portsmouth Unit** | **2** |  | S. Makuloluwe |
| **Bournemouth Unit** | **2** |  | TBC |
| **Winchester Unit** | **1** |  | L.Okafor |
| **Isle of Wight** | **2** | Nurses enrolled in foundation course | P.Moradi |
| **total** | **18** |  |  |

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1. Maintain Regional subspeciality Training Sessions for OPT learners.
2. Develop Exchange Programmes.
3. Buddy sysytem.
4. Develop a Foundation in Ophthalmology course for Band 3/4 Non-Medical Ophthalmology staff across the region.
5. Develop Glaucoma and MR courses via Portsmouth University

For further information on the OCCCF/OPT Programme

The Royal College of Ophthalmologistsweb site – type ‘OCCCF’ or HEE <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/advanced-clinical-practice/ophthalmology-common-clinical-competency-framework-curriculum>

**Foundation Eye Course developed by Portsmouth University**

 **for Registered Nurses**

**New online booking process to be launched in the spring**

**New contact details:**

**Liaison between the Region and the University for this course is now:**

Jane Dunning, Practice Educator

University Hospital Southampton

 Jane.dunning@UHS.nhs.uk

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|  | **Number registered** | **Number successfully completed** |
| April – June 2021 | **10** | **7**(3 x withdrawn due to sickness) |
| Nov 2021- Jan 2022 | **10** | Awaiting results |
| March -May 2022 | **16 booked places** |  |
| Oct- Dec 2022- TBC |  |  |

**New Wessex Region Teaching Programme for Ophthalmic Practitioner Training (OPT) Learners** 

Friday half-day (1-4:30pm) once a month, two speciality sessions per year and OPT Learners will be expected to complete post session self-assessment MCQ that will be emailed to the unit OPT lead



**Booking details:**

**Annabelle Searle**

**OPT Learners Rep (2021-2022)**

Senior Orthoptist,

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust annabelle.searle@nhs.net

**Two Wessex Region Trainees will now be supporting the OPT programme**

Jan Sniatecki (j.sniatecki@nhs.net) with be supporting the cataract and MR group.

 Miguel Kurc (miguel.kurc1@nhs.net) will be supporting the Emergency Ophthalmology and Glaucoma group.

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| **Updated** **Regional Team Contact Details** |  |  |
| Regional Education Advisor | Doreen Khan-Lim | Doreen.khanlim@uhs.nhs.uk |
| Regional OPT Lead | Rashi Arora | rashi.arora1@nhs.net |
| Regional Trainees to support the training programme | Jan SniateckiMiguel Kurc |  j.sniatecki@nhs.netmiguel.kurc1@nhs.net |
| Regional OPT Learner Rep | Anabelle Searle | annabelle.searle@nhs.net |
| Liaison for ‘Foundation in Ophthalmology’ Course via the University of Portsmouth & OPT Learner Database | Jane Dunning | Jane.Dunning@uhs.nhs.uk |