

## Member - Net Zero Working Group

### Volunteer opportunity

**Name of position:** Member - Net Zero Working Group

**Start date:** May 2025

**Term:** 3 years

**Time commitment:** 4 x 2-hour meetings each year, with work undertaken in between

**Number of vacancies:** 1

**Meetings:** 4 meetings (hybrid) each year, with 2025 dates tbc

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#### About the position

The purpose of the role and the working group is to promote an evidence-based approach towards sustainable, low-carbon eye care, both within the College and across the specialty. This includes drafting guidance to support units, hosting a congress session, fostering links with other organisations and measuring the impact of our approach.

#### Criteria for position

We welcome interest in the role from members who have experience and/or a background in paediatric and neuro-ophthalmology. As an inclusive organisation, we encourage diversity and equal access to opportunities to take up roles and lead in the work of the College.

#### Benefits

By volunteering with the College, you can actively shape the work we do in advocating for a sustainable approach through raising awareness and sharing best practice. You will have the opportunity to work with colleagues, staff and external organisations, building your professional network and understanding of how the College supports members. As part of this, we will also provide you with professional development opportunities to support you in your role.

#### How to apply

To apply for this exciting opportunity, please complete the [volunteer application form](#). Please feel free to email Ali Rivett [ali.rivett@rcophth.ac.uk](mailto:ali.rivett@rcophth.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

Applications will be reviewed by existing members of the net zero working group, with an online interview to follow for those shortlisted.

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### Terms of Reference

#### Net zero eyecare working group

##### Overall responsibility

The purpose of the working group is to promote a structured, evidence-based approach towards sustainable, low-carbon eye care within The Royal College of Ophthalmologists and within UK ophthalmic practice more widely; to disseminate practical, impactful guidance to our members and healthcare settings.

#### Main duties

- Raise awareness of low-carbon eye care across healthcare settings, including through educational opportunities

- Produce and disseminate guidance and actions for ophthalmologists and the broader eye care workforce on how to decarbonise eye care
- Advocate for net zero targets within College, Ophthalmology, and the wider eyecare system
- Inform RCOphth's position and commitment to net zero through a position statement
- Promote and share innovations and best practices to make eye care more sustainable
- Foster links with organisations across the UK, including GIRFT, AoMRC and devolved nation equivalents, to share best practice and learning
- Evaluate and improve the College's approach to sustainable working practices in relation to our building and activities such as our events programme
- Measure the impact of our approach to help inform further work in this area.
- Contribute practical guidance for the incorporation of net zero principles into ophthalmology training and assessment
- Support members to engage with, deliver and lead sustainability centred projects within the workplace.

**Membership** The working group will consist of not more than 12 members, including: Chair; RCOphth President; Member with an interest in Glaucoma; Member with an interest in Medical Retina; Member with an interest in Surgical Retina; Member with an interest in Cornea; Member with an interest in Paediatric Ophthalmology and Neuro-ophthalmology; Member with an interest in Oculoplastics.

At least one member should be a trainee and one an SAS doctor. Staff members, including the CEO, attend to offer professional advice and guidance, whilst others may be invited to attend as observers, such as the NHS Greener Team and the Education/Curriculum lead. Recruitment to the group should be conducted in such a way as to ensure that it reflects the diversity of UK eye care. In particular, it must strive to be gender-balanced and ethnically diverse.

**Time commitment**

The working group meets four times a year for approximately 2 hours on a hybrid basis, with the majority of work expected to be undertaken in-between meetings.

**Quorum**

The quorum of the working group is 7 members.

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