



# **Lancashire Local Eye Health Network** Plan on a page 2013/15

The LEHN aims to inform and support the implementation of national strategy and policy at a local level, work with key stakeholders on the development and delivery of local priorities and provide local clinical leadership

Lancashire LEHN will deliver its aims through clinical leadership and working in alignment with CCGs, LAs, HWBs, neighbouring LPNs, the LPN assembly and LOC for Lancashire AT. Priorities will be based on analysis of local need and national priorities and will feed into the Area Team primary care strategy, overarching Lancashire and national strategy

### PRIORITY 1: Eye Health Needs Assessment

The LEHN will work with Local Authorities and Health and Wellbeing Board to advise and support the production of robust fit for purpose Eye Health Needs Assessment to ensure commissioners effectively use resource and commission service against need securing value for money.

# PRIORITY 2: Collaborative working with CCGs and voluntary sector

To support the Lancashire health economy to secure the provision of high quality eye services, including secondary care, to meet the needs of the population.

The LEHN will collaboratively work with CCGs, voluntary sector and Local Authorities, to review existing commissioned enhanced services to standardise and redesign in accordance with patient need and commissioners intentions. Voluntary organisations will play an important role in future development plans especially by assisting in patient engagement.

### PRIORITY 3: Children's Services

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The LEHN will work towards the prevention of permanent visual defect by detecting poor vision (amblyopia) in children at an age that allows time for treatment to be undertaken.

This is in line with the UK National Screening Committee recommendation that all 4-5 year old children be screened by an orthoptic led service.

#### PRIORITY 4: AMD - Low Vision

The LEHN will fully assess the provision of services to treat WET Age Related Macular Degeneration and support processes that allow urgent access and treatment for patients suspected of having this condition.

### NHS/PH OUTCOMES

Ensure high quality, reduce service variation and reduce inequalities (Domains 1-3 of NHS Outcomes Framework

Ensuring that people have a positive experience of eye care. Ensuring patients are able to access services in a convenient location, within a timely manner.

Assessing children's visual function at an early age. Treating and **Preventing unnecessary** amblyopia. . Enhancing quality of visual function in the long-term.

Ensure high quality, reduce service variation and reduce inequalities (domains 1-3 of NHS)



## **Contact Details**

# Local Eye Health Network Chair -

**Mike Broadhurst** has been appointed as the LEHN Chair with the responsibility for overseeing the delivery of the 4 priorities listed above through an 18 month work plan. Mike is an independent contractor providing optometric services across Lancashire.

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### Interested in learning more about each priority?

If you are interested in learning more about each of the priorities for the local eye health network listed in addition to contacting the chair or network manager you can also link into the network through other members including:

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