

## **The Role of the Eye Health Local Professional Networks Led by the Eye Health LPN Chair**

### **Effective LPNs for Eye Health Should Have the Following Elements:**

- Shared purpose
- General principles
- Understanding of the competency requirements for clinical leaders

### **LPNs should:**

- Provide clinical leadership and facilitate clinical engagement at grass-roots
- Be a feeder mechanism into other clinical networks and national strategy
- Support and advise NHS England in the commissioning of services
- Advise Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs)
- Engage with local representative committees

### **The Principles of an Eye Health LPN:**

- Engage with CCG/Local Area Teams
- Provide strategic clinical leadership for eye health
- Improve quality and make best use of resources
- Identify, resolve and discharge issues of safety and have regard to quality improvement
- Contribute to the commissioning agenda, specifically embedding and implementing commissioning decisions
- Support the development and delivery of eye health services to all groups in the community
- Ensure that community optics and other providers are considered as part of the solutions when re-designing care pathways

### **The Specific Competencies Required for Chair and Members of Local Eye Health Networks:**

- Strategic thinking to co-ordinate national, regional and local strategies
- Knowledge or experience of making decisions in a political environment
- Financial and analytical acumen
- Stakeholder relationship management to support transformation, overcome barriers and tackle vested interests
- Knowledge management
- Good communication skills