

**The Royal College of Ophthalmologists  
Ophthalmology Local Training (OLT) Programme Standards**



This is a self-declaration form for Units/Trusts to complete and submit to the Training Committee at the RCOphth demonstrating their commitment to the advised standards for local programmes. The Guide to OLT provides further guidance around all these areas and should be read prior to completion of this form. Programmes able to commit to all standards will be listed on the College website under a section created to support OLT programmes. It is essential that the additional training opportunities identified for OLT do not have any negative impact on current OST trainees.

**Unit OLT Lead appointed** In local appointment process with RCOphth JD and person specification

**Liaison with Regional CESR/OLT Lead** where present (or Regional Education Advisor)

**OLT Unit Lead is RCOphth CESR Assessor**  
Job planning to include time for CESR assessments

**Educational and named Clinical Supervisors identified** for all OLT trainees

**Opportunity for all Curriculum requirements** to be undertaken in the unit or alternative rotations facilitated to enable this

**Recruitment** follows values and requirements of OST recruitment

**Ophthalmology induction** undertaken in a timely way as appropriate to their previous experience

**Evaluation of surgical skills** of OLT trainees on appointment; where required enrolling OLT trainee on RCOphth introduction to Phacoemulsification course

**Commitment to undertake relevant assessments;** both WBAs and Clinical and Educational Supervisor reports 6 monthly

**Portfolio:** Paper portfolio completion until e-Portfolio available

**Timetables** designed to mirror OST training suitable for ST1-2 and ST3-7 as appropriate

**Acute services supervision and training** included in timetables

**Generic Professional Capabilities (GPCs):** opportunity and support to achieve as per OST curriculum requirements

**Examinations:** completion of suite of RCOphth examinations during the OLT programme with way points mirrored from OST curriculum

**TSC opportunity:** consider if appropriate

**Consultant preparation** should be given opportunity as OST curriculum

**Simulation and surgical skills courses:** availability as OST curriculum

**Quality Assurance** of OLT by Unit OLT Lead including trainee feedback surveys on the OLT programme

**No impact on current OST training opportunities;** all training for OLT being additional

**Local 'ARCP' process** i.e. Undertake local annual assessment process with panel as per OST ARCP, providing outcome and feedback

**Trainees in difficulty** offered pastoral support and remedial training as required

Name of Unit OLT Lead appointed:

Date and Signature of person completing: OLT Unit Lead/ Clinical Lead/Medical Director:

### **Abbreviations**

ARCP – Annual Review Competency Progression  
CESR – Certificate of Eligibility of Specialist Training  
GPC – Generic Professional Capabilities  
OLT – Ophthalmology Local Training Programme  
OST – Ophthalmic Specialist Training

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