

**OPTOMETRY**  
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**Nominee Name:** Jill Campbell

**Proposed by:** Chris Dougherty

**Seconded by:** Louise May

### **Details**

I have been a qualified Optometrist for nearly twenty years and have worked within hospital, independent and multiple practices.

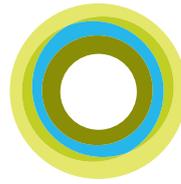
I have been a member of Optometry NI council from its inception which gives me a good understanding of the role of ONI and its relationship with the health board and BSO.

In my current role I am the optometrist director in Specsavers Lisburn where I have been based for fifteen years. As a principal contractor I am very aware of the need for schemes to be adequately funded and straightforward to implement.

I am also Head of Enhanced Optical Services for Specsavers in Ireland, this role allows me the opportunity to engage with all Optometrists working locally within the Specsavers group. Within this role I regularly meet with colleagues in England, Scotland and Wales and have the opportunity to see how schemes are managed and implemented across the UK and hope that I bring some of this learning to council.

I am a WOPEC lead assessor and have completed my Prof Certificates in Glaucoma and Medical Retina through the University of Ulster. I have completed my Theory of Independent Prescribing for optometrists at the University of Ulster and am currently undertaking my clinical placement.

I participate in project ECHO and have recently started to provide OHT monitoring services in practice. Participation in all available LES schemes allows me to ensure schemes are workable and through council influence development of new schemes.



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**Nominee Name :** Tanya Connor

**Proposed by:** Karen Breslin

**Seconded by:** Stephen Vandeyver

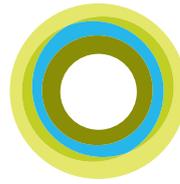
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Since qualifying in 2013 I have worked in independent practices closely linked to local hospitals. In previous posts I worked closely with both the practice managers and owners developing a good understanding of the importance of providing high standards of eye care whilst running an efficient business.

Until May 2018 I was working in Wales and had gained the extra qualifications to provide low vision and WECS (Wales Eye Care Scheme) services. Providing these extra services has allowed me to see first hand the benefits of providing specialised services locally for patients and on helping to manage overcrowding in NHS hospital clinics.

Since returning to Northern Ireland in May 2018, I have been locuming in a number of independent practices, Cathedral Eye Clinic and also teach Primary Care at Ulster University.

I am passionate about clinical optometry and excited about the opportunity in Northern Ireland to continue to build on the specialised eye care services we provide to patients.



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**Nominee Name:** Paula Cunningham

**Proposed by:** Lynsey Caldwell

**Seconded by:** Jill Campbell

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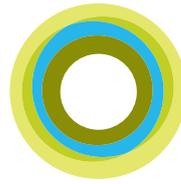
I graduated from UMIST in 1999! I have worked in multiple practices as well as clinical supervisor at UMIST.

I have been ophthalmic director at Specsavers, Connswater for 16 years and Specsavers Downpatrick for 2 years.

I have completed Professional Certificates in Sports Vision, Glaucoma and Medical Retina. I take part in ECHO and the OHT Monitoring Scheme.

I have sat on ONI committee for 3 years and have enjoyed help shape optometry in NI. I am passionate about community optometry.

I am proud of the role ONI have had in helping deliver LES' in NI. I would love to have the opportunity to continue working as part of ONI and to be involved in the continued development of our profession in NI.



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**Nominee Name : Steven Harding**

**Proposed by:** William Stockdale

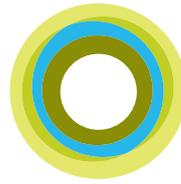
**Seconded by:** Karen Breslin

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Having worked previously in the multiple sector of optics and now within a family run independent, I have seen how these two different environments fun and what it takes to make each work to the best of their ability. I therefore have a strong understanding of what the difficulties are and what is required by both multiples and independents in Northern Ireland.

I have also worked within a multiple in Scotland and have seen first hand the benefits MECs has given to both the general public and optical practice. It is great to see this being rolled out in Northern Ireland, but there is still a lot more room for the optical sector to help our the wider health care sector and it is exciting to see how much further we can take this. As a Dispensing Optician I want to be at the forefront of this change – I wan to help bring about a real change for the better within the optical sector in Northern Ireland as well as increasing the profile and responsibility of Dispensing Opticians.

I am able to bring new and fresh ideas along with a new outlook on the things which I believe will be of benefit to ONI. I look forward to the opportunity to bring about a real change within our sector.



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**Nominee Name :** Geoff McConville

**Proposed by:** Eavan Kennedy

**Seconded by:** Richard Morwood

**Details**

A “No-Nonsense” approach to promoting “Quality” Optometry.

Have spent 29 years attempting to lift the image of optometry through clinical expertise and quality dispensing.

I have engaged with the Board in a robust manner.

I hope that I can provide a robust and clinical input to ONI.