

## Candidate statement-Deborah Daplyn

I qualified from City University in 1986 and joined Dollond and Aitchison, first completing my pre-registration year and then working in their Norwich City centre practice for 10 years. I left to join an independent practice in North Norfolk, where I have worked ever since and am now a partner.

I joined the LOC in 2004, served 9 years as Treasurer and became Chair in 2013.

I believe wholeheartedly in the value of community practices and their place in the communities they serve. There is a need for a wide spectrum of different practices for the sector to flourish and as an LOC we have tried to recognise and represent them all. I have always tried to create opportunities to enable people to spread their wings and embrace new challenges in our profession whilst respecting the opinions of those who wish to practice in a more traditional setting.

My goal, if elected, will be to continue exploring new avenues for the profession and representing us in the most positive way I can in the wider health landscape.