

## **Election Statement**

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I have been an optometrist for 38 years and worked for most of that time in Norfolk and Waveney. I have worked for a large multiple, now a small multiple and in between owned and ran my own practice for 27 years. I have never sought to specialize but do take part in, and enjoy, all the enhanced services that run in the county.

I have sat on the LOC for too many years to remember and served as firstly Treasurer and currently Chair. The Chair's role becoming much easier since I became a part time worker and now have time to devote properly to the role. During my time on the committee, the optometry industry has started to evolve from purely eye testing and spectacle/contact lens provision into a more diverse profession with opportunities within practice and beyond for those who wish to embrace them. As such the committee has also had to change and become more proactive and have dealings with a much wider range of other health colleagues in a more professional way.

Although reaching the end of my career, I would like the opportunity to serve one more time on the committee to continue the relationships that I have been building for many years and to keep looking for those new opportunities as they arise.