

Employed Practitioners Conference

Sunday 28 October – Chesford Grange Hotel

Whatever your mode of practice:-

- Full or Part-time employed
- Mobile
- Locum
- Dispensing Optician
- Optometrists

this is the conference for you!

For the first time ever, the AOP is holding a conference specifically aimed at the employed optometric community.

This will be a great opportunity to address some of the legal and other issues which particularly affect those optometrists who work within the employed sector.

We intend that the topics covered will provide essential knowledge relating to your rights and obligations.

The Conference will provide you with an opportunity to become better informed on various employment issues such as how to have some control of your working environment, collective bargaining and your rights as an employee, and your rights under the transfer of undertakings regulations (TUPE). Other important issues to be covered will include the subtleties within the taxation status of locum practitioners and how this may be interpreted by HMRC, Professional Indemnity Insurance and how the limitations of your employer's vicarious liability insurance may not cover you to your best advantage, the complexities arising from situations involving referral and re-examination issues and finally, for those of you who may be interested in changing or expanding your professional role we will inform you of the many and varied modes of practice available to you and also of how to start your own practice.

The Conference will be held at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Nr. Warwick on Sunday, 28 October.

The cost of attending such an event is a mere £15.00 or £145.00 if you choose to take advantage of overnight accommodation for the Saturday night!

To book online, or to download a booking form, please visit our website at www.aop.org.uk or contact Tracy Symons at the AOP on 020 7787 1119 or email tracysymons@aop.org.uk

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Kenilworth

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.30	Coffee
10:00	Introduction Bob Hughes AOP Chief Executive
10:10	Being an employed optometrist on your own terms Karen Sparrow Optometrist and Professional Services Consultant
10:55	Protecting yourself – What if the business changes hands? Employment protection and Transfer of Undertakings Regulations (TUPE) Wendy Brown Legal Advisor – Amicus Legal Ltd
11.30	Coffee
12.00	Collective Bargaining & Employment Rights Mark Young West Midlands Regional Lead for the NHS in the Amicus Section of Unite
12.40	Modes of practice David Gilbert Training & Development Manager – Flame Health
13.15	Lunch
14.15	Locums – HMRC's Perspective – Are they Self Employed? David Davies Managing Partner – Tax Watchdog
14.45	Indemnity Insurance – legal defence & records Fiona Mitchell AOP Head of Legal Services
15.15	Problems arising from re-examination and referral – where does the responsibility lie plus ownership of patient records Geoff Roberson AOP Professional Adviser
15:45	Starting Up or Buying a Practice Patrick Myers Consultant – Myers La Roche
16.15	Close

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