

## The UK Ophthalmology Alliance (UKOA) are seeking a new Chair

- Can you lead and shape the only ophthalmic NHS provider network in the UK?
- Are you a professional leader from the eye care sector who is passionate about improving services for patients?
- The UKOA was established in 2017 and is a thriving member organisation of NHS Trusts, Health Boards and other key stakeholders (professional bodies such as Colleges and BIOS and Charities).
- We are looking for a new Chair to step into the role as our existing Chair retires
- Applications for the role will be considered by a panel from the UKOA Board and outgoing Chair. An informal remote interview will be arranged as required.
- The UKOA will agree to pay the successful candidate for one session each week (half a day). The appointment will initially be for 12 months and, following a 12 month review, will possibly be extended for up to 3 years. **Please note** - the successful candidate will not be employed by the UKOA or RNIB (our host) and will need to invoice for their time.
- Applications should be sent to [UKOA@rnib.org.uk](mailto:UKOA@rnib.org.uk) by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. Applications should consist of your CV and an expression of interest setting out why you have applied. If you would like to speak to someone to find out more about the role, please email the mailbox above and we will arrange a telephone call with you.
- **The full job description is attached.**
- **Please also look at our website to learn more about what we do** [UKOA Website](#)
- **UKOA Terms of Reference** [UKOA Terms of Reference](#)

## **UKOA Chair – Job Description**

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- **Key responsibilities:**

- Provide visible leadership, to help develop and communicate the UKOA's vision and purpose
- Work collaboratively with the UKOA Programme Lead and admin team to lead contribute to the day to day activity of the UKOA
- Provide leadership and visibility at all UKOA meetings and lead at least two meetings a year
- Provide active support on the UKOA membership strategy and approach to ensure that member fees are received
- Actively encourage other Board members to participate and lead UKOA meetings
- Lead the Board with the Programme Lead. Ensure that the Board is well represented and has appropriate members
- Develop UKOA strategy with the Board - advise on current and future developments and what are the current big issues that could provide UKOA with direction around where to go next
- Actively contribute to identify and develop UKOA projects
- Support the development of resources for members and liaise with stakeholder members to support members access to their relevant resources
- Identify key initiatives and information to share with UKOA members
- Represent the UKOA at other national meetings
- Bring a wider perspective and understanding of current ophthalmology challenges and developments to the UKOA and ensure these are covered adequately at our member meetings
- Support lobbying – providing a view to issues being experienced at member trusts, ICS, ICB and ophthalmology more generally
- Influence and facilitate networking, provide advice at request from members
- Identify possible cross cutting issues where UKOA's work could create best practice that could be shared across other specialties

## Person specification

	Criteria
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any of the roles usual for UKOA individual members:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Registered clinical eye care professional (ophthalmologist, orthoptist, optometrist) working in NHS secondary care setting</li> <li>○ NHS secondary eye care services service manager or executive</li> <li>○ Senior role in relevant eye care charity</li> <li>○ Senior role in relevant professional organisation e.g. BIOS, RCOphth etc.</li> <li>○ ophthalmic nurse</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Track record of healthcare-relevant leadership and improvement work</li> <li>• UK resident</li> <li>• Knowledgeable about UKOA</li> <li>• Membership of relevant professional body</li> </ul>
<b>Strategy &amp; Leadership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to develop and communicate strategy</li> <li>• Exemplifies UKOA values</li> <li>• Ability to engage and influence a wide range of stakeholders, including building influential networks.</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation and improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of the regulatory and national frameworks around eye care and how healthcare professionals, provider organisations, commissioning and charities operate.</li> <li>• Strongly committed to multidisciplinary and multiprofessional working and partnership between professionals, patients and other stakeholders for improved patient care</li> <li>• Forward looking and innovative approach to healthcare</li> <li>• Understanding of the current eye care and transformation landscape</li> </ul>
<b>Communication and Behaviour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent communication, diplomacy and influencing skills</li> <li>• Acts with honesty and integrity and promotes openness and transparency</li> <li>• Able to be credible within the eye care profession</li> <li>• Ability to work collaboratively across roles, organisations and sectors</li> <li>• Approachable and supportive to colleagues at all levels.</li> </ul>