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Feedback - November 2025

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This two-day conference was aimed at medical students, optometry students, orthoptics students, early career doctors, nurses, allied healthcare professionals, scientists, and anyone else interested in ophthalmology, optometry, and visual science research. It intended to bring together those who are fascinated by clinical ophthalmology and vision-related research around the world.

It also provided a platform for delegates to showcase their research through oral and poster presentations.

A certificate of attendance was provided.

Course Information

Course Date: 15th and 16th November 2025

Venue: Virtual Conference Held Online (via Zoom)

Attendance: 316 Delegates

Aimed at: Medical Students; Optometry Students; Orthoptics Students; Early Career Doctors; Nurses; Allied Healthcare Professionals; Scientists

Conference Fee: Free



Programme

Day 1: Saturday 15th November 2025

1000 - 1005	Welcome
	Prof M. Williams and Dr P. McCullough (Conference Convenors)
1005 - 1040	Ocular Imaging
	Prof M. Williams (Consultant Ophthalmologist)
1040 - 1110	Paediatric Ophthalmology
	Ms K. Shirley (Consultant Ophthalmologist)
1110 - 1130	Myopia
	Dr L. Doyle (Hospital Optometrist)

1130 - 1140	Break
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1140 - 1210	Oculoplastics
	Mr S. Kamalaraja (Consultant Ophthalmologist)
1210 - 1240	Macular Degeneration
	Ms T. Moutray (Consultant Ophthalmologist)

1240 - 1310	Neuro-ophthalmology
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1400 - 1430	Ocular Trauma
	Ms K. McGinnity (Specialist Trainee in Ophthalmology)
1430 - 1500	Cataract
	Mr J. Bonnar (Consultant Ophthalmologist)

1310 - 1400	Lunch
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Programme

Day 2: Sunday 16th November 2025

1000 - 1005	Welcome
	Prof M. Williams and Dr P. McCullough (Conference Convenors)
1005 - 1030	Diabetic Eye Disease
	Prof T. Peto (Consultant Ophthalmologist)
1030 - 1100	Vitreo-retinal
	Mr M. Upendran (Consultant Ophthalmologist)
1100 - 1130	Translational Ophthalmology to Tackle AMD
	Prof I. Lengyel (QUB)

1130 - 1140	Break
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1140 - 1210	The Retinal Neurovascular Complex: Visualising What It Does
	Prof T. Curtis (QUB)
1210 - 1240	The Eye in Dementia
	Dr L. Csincsik (QUB)
1240 - 1300	My MSc in Ophthalmology and Vision Science
	Ms A. Quah (Medical Student at QUB)

1240 - 1400	Lunch and Attendees' Poster Viewing
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1400 – 1600	Oral Presentations
1600	End of Conference

Convenors

Professor Michael Williams

Consultant Ophthalmologist
Queen's University, Belfast

Dr Philip McCullough

Specialty Trainee 1 in Ophthalmology
Scotland

Dr Catherine Drew

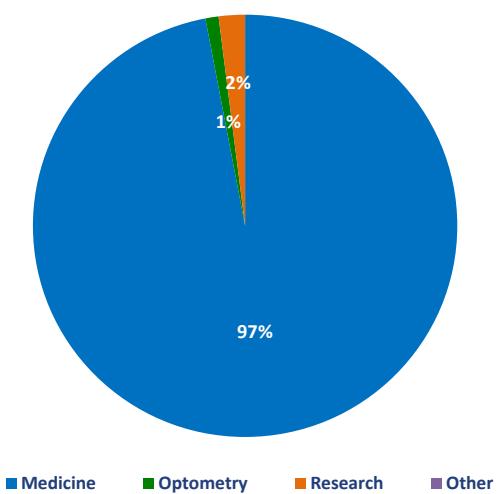
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Dr Aoife O'Donnell

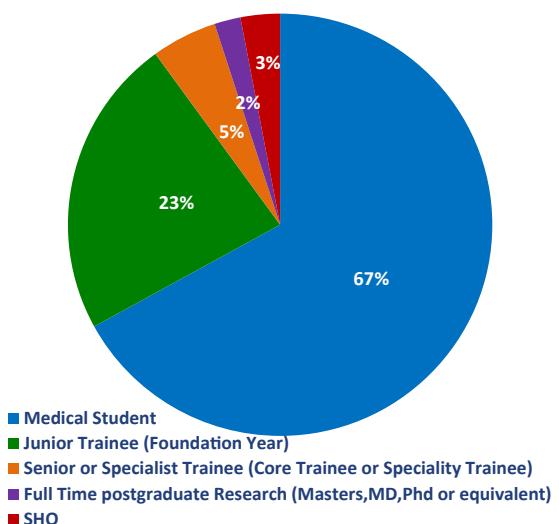
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Overall Feedback

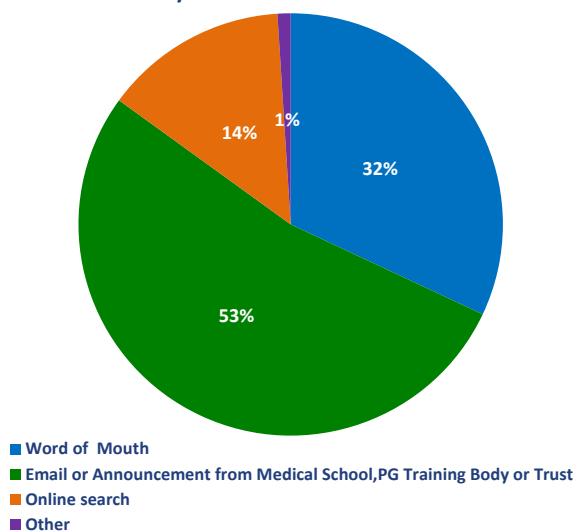
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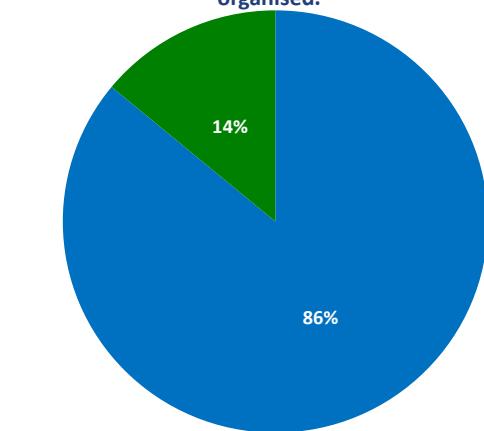
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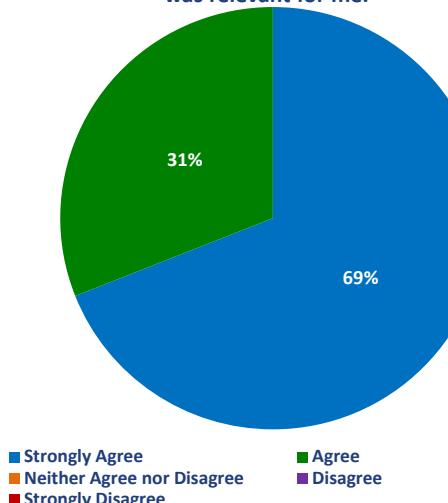
How did you hear about the conference?



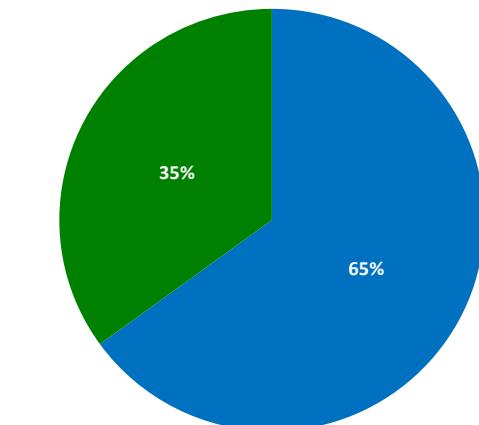
The Belfast Eye Conference was well organised.



The content of the Belfast Eye Conference was relevant for me.



I enjoyed the poster presentations.



Individual Comments

Really well organised!

AH
Queen's University, Belfast

The conference was very well organised and super interesting!

AB
Ulster University, Ulster

Well laid out, online format was very convenient and helpful, teaching was very interesting and insightful.

AA
Leicester University, Leicester

Really excellent, and glad that the speakers explained concepts at a level I could mostly appreciate.

AG
Ashford & St Peters Hospitals NHS Trust, United Kingdom Europe

There was good variety in the content presented from AI to animations. Really enjoyed!

EC
Trinity College Dublin, Dublin

I enjoyed the diverse range of topics, it was engaging and interesting.

EF
Sligo University Hospital, Ireland

I enjoyed the variation of presentations and found them all really interesting.

ES
Bangor University, Gwynedd

Presented at good level for medical students wanting to know about exciting discoveries in the field.

AS
Imperial College London, London

Really enjoyed, some very interesting talks. Thank you.

KT
Leicester University

The Belfast course was extremely helpful, and overall I found it a very positive and valuable experience. I particularly enjoyed the poster presentations, they offered a great opportunity to learn from both patients and professionals from around the world. Hearing their experiences, perspectives, and clinical insights added real depth to the programme and helped contextualise many of the topics discussed.

KA
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, United Kingdom Europe

Individual Comments

I liked the interesting cases that were presented, speakers were engaging.

CW
Trinity College Dublin, Dublin

The conference was very interesting and provided teaching at the right level for trainees at the start of our careers.

WL
University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust

Amazing conference with perfect level of teaching for med students. Talks were also perfect length. Perhaps have a winner/winners for the oral presentation or posters?

VM
Queen Mary University of London, London

I really enjoyed the variety of topics discussed and that it was aimed towards my level of understanding. I liked that all the speakers were enthusiastic!

RH
Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust

It was a really enjoyable and accessible conference, the range of topics was incredibly interesting and it was really helpful.

SK
Leicester University, Leicester

It was a good introduction to ophthalmology as a specialty and I enjoyed the presentations very much. I really liked the variety of talks, The speakers were very experienced and experts in their respective fields, which made for a insightful conference.

KX
University of Galway, Galway

I really enjoyed the conference. I felt it was very well organised and information was sent well in advance of the conference and the schedule for the 2 days as well.

AM
University College Dublin, Dublin

I enjoyed the content, high-quality reference images and the attention to answering audience questions.

EP
University of Leeds

Excellent conference covering a broad range of introductory ophthalmology topics. I found it immensely interesting and helpful towards solidifying ophthalmology as a future career goal. Thank you!

NS
Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro

Individual Comments

The conference was very well organised and kept to time. The speaker presentations were of high quality and particularly useful as they were tailored at medical students and early years doctors.

MB

Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust, United Kingdom Europe

I enjoyed the wide range of topics from lots of different specialists. Every talk was engaging and specialists appeared very interested.

AH

Leicester University, Leicester

The conference was very accessible for students and encouraging of our participation and attendance unlike most conferences.

CK

Trinity College Dublin, Dublin

Very enjoyable and good topic range.

GO

West Hertfordshire Hospitals, United Kingdom Europe

I enjoyed the presentations and variety of topics discussed by the medical professionals.

KM

Queen's University, Belfast

Lovely spread of talks from different subspecialties and fascinating to hear the latest research. Thoroughly enjoyed and with the virtual format will definitely be joining for next year!

SS

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford

I really enjoyed it, it was insightful to see the different areas of ophthalmology and encouraging to see fellow medical students with research and awards.

BP

Plymouth University, Plymouth

Thank you for this wonderful conference! Incredibly insightful and inspirational.

YC

Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham

Enjoyed the conference as it was a good mix of exposure to the clinical aspects and research aspects of ophthalmology.

GT

I really enjoyed it! I'm a medical student, and was worried it would be too specialist for me, but I found the content very interesting and not too complex to understand at my level. Thank you!

MC

Queen's University, Belfast

Individual Comments

Really great conference, a lot of content covered that is particularly useful as a medical student. The Sunday felt a little heavy with more basic science concepts/presentations, and I think I would have liked that spread between the two days, but that's personal preference.

CH
Ulster University, Ulster

Thoroughly enjoyed the case based learning and variety of topics covered. Delivered at a good level for foundation trainees.

WL
University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust

Really enjoyed the talk from all the different sub specialists, especially Ms Best and Ms Peto. Very well organised as well, really enjoyed the weekend.

FP
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen

I enjoyed all the speakers and the content they delivered - it was very helpful to understand more about ophthalmology and the type of work it entails. I also really enjoyed the variation in topics, this made it more engaging and easier to follow.

AB
Ulster University, Ulster



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