



**The Belfast Eye Conference 2025**  
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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:** 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025

|             |  |
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| 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)                           |

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| <b>1130 - 1140</b> | <b>Break</b> |
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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                           |
|             | Ms J. Best (Consultant Ophthalmologist)       |

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| <b>1310 - 1400</b> | <b>Lunch</b> |
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| 1400 - 1430 | Ocular Trauma   |
|             | Ms K. McGinnity (Specialist Trainee in Ophthalmology) |
| 1430 - 1500 | Cataract  |
|             | Mr J. Bonnar (Consultant Ophthalmologist)             |
| 1500 - 1530 | Glaucoma  |

# Programme

## Day 2: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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| 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)  |

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| <b>1130 - 1140</b> | <b>Break</b> |
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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)                         |

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| <b>1240 - 1400</b> | <b>Lunch and Attendees' Poster Viewing</b> |
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| 1400 – 1600 | Oral Presentations |
| 1600        | End of Conference  |

## Convenors

### **Professor Michael Williams**

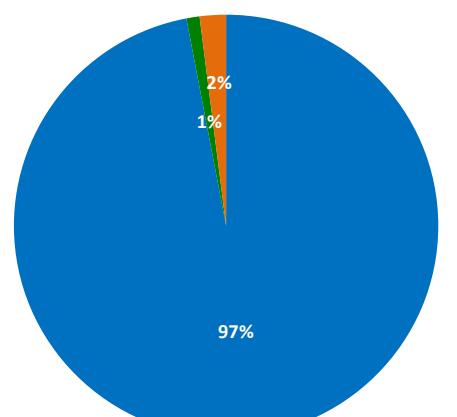
Consultant Ophthalmologist  
Queen's University, Belfast

### **Dr Philip McCullough**

Specialty Trainee 1 in Ophthalmology  
Scotland

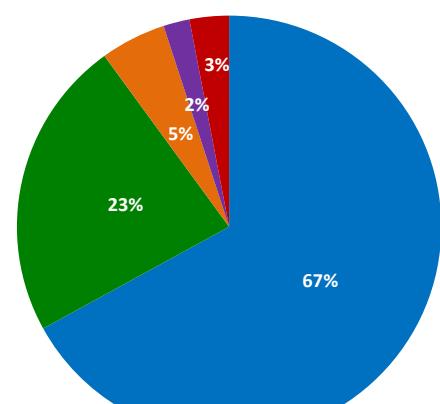
## Overall Feedback

To which profession do you belong?



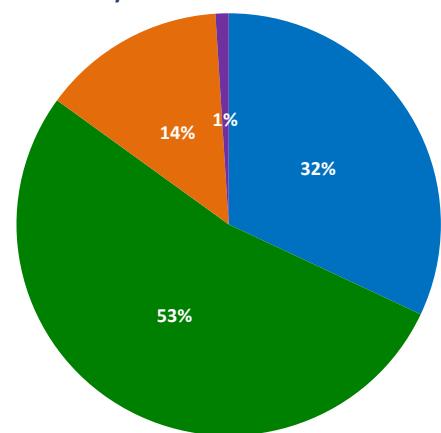
■ Medicine ■ Optometry ■ Research ■ Other

What level are you currently at?



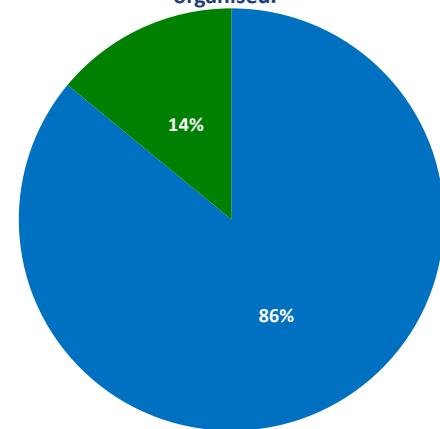
■ Medical Student  
■ Junior Trainee (Foundation Year)  
■ Senior or Specialist Trainee (Core Trainee or Speciality Trainee)  
■ Full Time postgraduate Research (Masters, MD, PhD or equivalent)  
■ SHO

How did you hear about the conference?



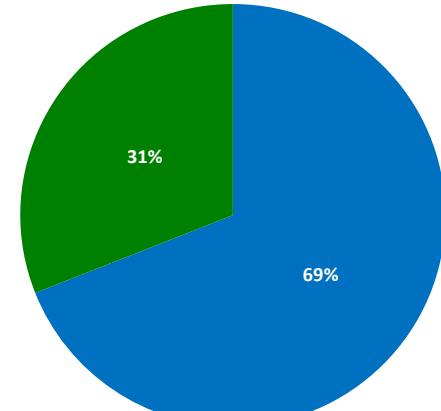
■ Word of Mouth  
■ Email or Announcement from Medical School, PG Training Body or Trust  
■ Online search  
■ Other

The Belfast Eye Conference was well organised.



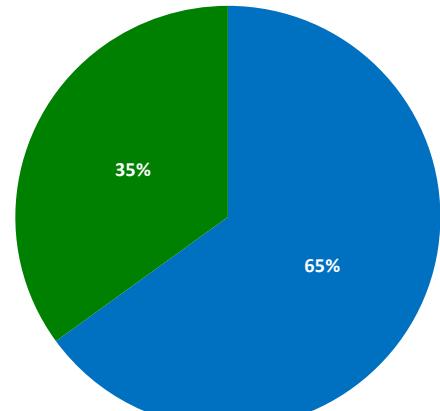
■ Strongly Agree  
■ Neither Agree nor Disagree  
■ Disagree  
■ Strongly Disagree

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



■ Strongly Agree  
■ Neither Agree nor Disagree  
■ Disagree  
■ Strongly Disagree

I enjoyed the poster presentations.



■ Strongly Agree  
■ Neither Agree nor Disagree  
■ Disagree  
■ Strongly Disagree

## 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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