Programme

09.15  Registration and coffee
09.45  Marek Karas SeeAbility - “Children in Focus”
10.10  Professor Gordon Dutton – “Understanding the visual deficits that arise as a consequence of damage to the brain: the what, the wear and the how”
11.15  Break for tea/coffee
11.30  Professor Gordon Dutton - Continued from first session
12.30  Lunch
13.30  Professor Gordon Dutton - Question and Answer session
15.30  Lesley-Anne Baxter - “Following the Money; Initiating New Eye Health Services”

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Biographies

Prof Kathryn J Saunders - “Dynamic Retinoscopy: The Missing Data.”

Kathryn is a Professor in Optometry and Vision science at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. Her research interests centre on visual development in infancy and early childhood. She is also heavily involved in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students and continues to work as an Optometrist, providing clinical care for children with and without Special needs.

Kathryn has worked previously at Moorfields eye hospital, Cardiff University and with Gordon Dutton in Glasgow.

She is a member of the Education and Standards committee of the college of Optometrists, the Vision2020 learning disability sub-group and is a fellow of the UK College of Optometrists.
Marek Karas - SeeAbility “Children in Focus”

Marek is an Optometrist currently working for SeeAbility as the clinical optometric lead for their “Children In Focus” project. He worked at Moorfields eye hospital as a senior optometrist involved in a wide range of clinical, research, and teaching roles including the establishment of joint Orthoptic/Optometric paediatric community clinics. He has worked for the RNIB in a variety of posts including Deputy Head of Low Vision and eye team health and senior optometric advisor. Marek now works part time in a practice, is a tutor and assessor at the Welsh Optometry Post graduate Education centre at Cardiff University and a visiting clinician at St. Thomas’s low vision clinic and the RNIB low vision centre.
Lesley-Anne Baxter - “Following the Money; Initiating New Eye Health Services”

Lesley–Anne is an Orthoptist who qualified as a mature student and also has a BSc (Hons) Degree from the University of East London. She has worked at the London hospital, North Middlesex, St Bartholomews where she held the post of Head Orthoptist before becoming Ophthalmic Manager across both sites during the period of restructure and PFI build.

In 2000 she moved to the South west to become the head of Orthoptic Services in South Devon .In 2004 she undertook modules for her PGDip and became a Non-Medical Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology in 2008.

Lesley–Anne has had various roles in BIOS including the local TUC representative, regional Representative for North East Thames, Whitley Representative before chairing the Employments Relations Committee, head of NE Thames heads group, secretary to the South west Heads group, Sothern and Branch chair and finally the chair of BIOS.

She is a trustee of Vision 2020, the Association of health Professions in Ophthalmology and vice chair of the Allied Health Professions Federation.
Professor Gordon Dutton

Professor Gordon Dutton is a Paediatric Ophthalmologist who worked for over 20 years at the Royal Hospital for sick children in Glasgow. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Visual sciences at Glasgow Caledonian University. His special interests include Cerebral visual Impairment (CVI) in children, and he believes that this subject needs to be at the forefront of awareness amongst those who work with children with low vision and those with cerebral Palsy or multiple disabilities, so that all children with CVI can be identified and receive optimal assessment, advice, and teaching.

He lectures widely and has authored a number of publications on CVI in children. He has co-edited and contributed to a number of books on this subject including “Visual impairment in children Due to damage to the Brain” which he co-edited with Dr Martin Bax.

Professor Dutton has lectured internationally as a Key note Speaker, as well as being a visiting Professor to Boston children’s hospital, on the subject of CVI in children.