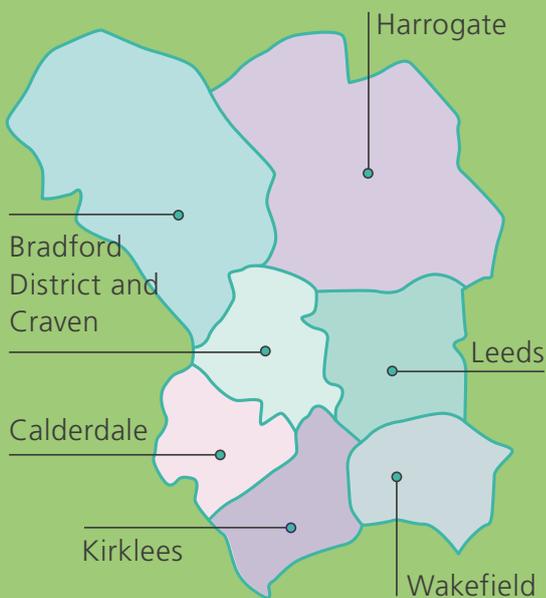


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.



Eye care

Our ambition

Our ambition is to make the best use of the eye care expertise we already have in our communities. Having some eye care services in local settings rather than hospitals makes them easier and more convenient to access. This will encourage more people to attend for the important checks that could potentially save their sight.





What we are doing

The Local Eye Health Network, working with Bradford University, has been successful in getting grants from Health Education England which have already funded over 200 local optometrists to train for the Professional Certificate in Glaucoma.

This means that 15% of the area's optometrists are qualified to identify this common eye condition which can lead to loss of vision if it isn't diagnosed and treated early.



What next?

Additional funding from Health Education England is now paying for a further 125 candidates to undertake this postgraduate course, with places now open to other eye health professionals including ophthalmic nurses and orthoptists.

Funding is also available for the Professional Higher Certificate in Glaucoma which includes a hospital placement. This next step is for those who have attained the Professional Certificate in Glaucoma but who want to develop their detection and decision-making skills even further.

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