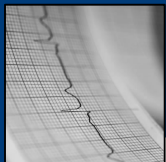




# Specialty: Ophthalmology

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**Deanery sponsoring programme:**

East of Scotland

**Postgraduate Dean:**

Professor Philip Cachia

**Responsible Associate Dean/GP Director:**

Mr Rodney Mountain

**Programme Type -**

- Deanery-based or National: Deanery
- Specialty or Sub-specialty: Specialty

**Date of GMC recent approval:**

August 2010

**Associated Royal College / Faculty:**

Royal College of Ophthalmologists

**Web address:**

<http://www.rcophth.ac.uk/>

**Curriculum and Associated Assessment System:**

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/ophthalmology.asp>

Date programme information last updated

September 2011

**Recognised Programme Locations and Environments**

**This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:**

- Ninewells Hospital
- Perth Royal Infirmary
- Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline
- Stracathro/Montrose/Arbroath (Clinics)

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## Programme Description

### Specialty Information

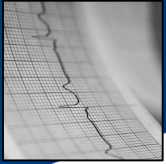
The Tayside Ophthalmology Rotation is located in Ninewells Hospital but includes a 6 month attachment in Queen Margaret's Hospital, Dunfermline. ST1 and ST2 levels include basic training in ophthalmology, acute ophthalmic problems and development of basic microsurgery as well as intraocular surgery. During ST3 to ST7 the trainees develop further skills in cataract surgery and general ophthalmology as well as exposure to subspecialties including vitreo-retinal, medical retina and uveitis, paediatrics, strabismus, oculoplastics, glaucoma and anterior segment. Tayside covers a wide geographical area and as such trainees would be expected to attend clinics in Perth, Montrose, Arbroath, and Brechin.

There are approved ASTOs/ TSCs in vitreo-retinal surgery (Drs Ellis and Cormack), paediatrics (Drs George and Sutherland), ocular motility (Drs George and MacEwen), Medical Retina/ Uveitis (Drs Johnstone and Vallance), and



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Glaucoma (Drs Cobb and Sanders). If an ASTO/ TSC is not covered within region then trainees have the opportunity to approve ASTOs outwith the region. Most trainees undertake a Fellowship in their chosen subspecialty before taking up a consultant post.

The East of Scotland Deanery involves Tayside, which is a beautiful area to live and work within. It has varied geography and offers diverse interests for individuals and families, from a thriving city life in Dundee to outdoor activities in Angus, Perthshire and North Fife. It has good road and rail networks to the other areas of Scotland. The quality of life in Tayside is excellent with easy access to beautiful countryside for sport and leisure as well as world-renowned facilities for golf.

Training within the Deanery is trainee focused with attention to individual trainee needs and aspirations. Ninewells is a University teaching hospital with opportunities to become involved in research.

## How to apply

<http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/>

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## Quality of Training

GMC Trainee Survey Information (2011)

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