

## **MECS ACCREDITATION EVENT**

You may recall on June 13th I sent out an email to determine the interest in the Bradford LOC running a MECS event in this area. I am pleased to report that a sufficient number of our colleagues replied to this and we have arranged an event at the Optometry Department at the University of Bradford City campus on the evening of **Tuesday September 24th**.

However after further discussion with my colleagues on the Bradford LOC, **it is not possible for us to entirely fund this**. You may recall that several years ago the Bradford LOC ran a MECS OSCSE event in which a significant number of you completed and this was a very big factor in us being able to obtain a MECS scheme in this area. At the time the Bradford LOC funded the cost of that, as a guide for each candidate that sits the WOPEC MECS OSCE the cost is in the region of £150. The cost of running that event was significant but was felt justified for both you as our colleagues and our patients, however we don't feel we could justify covering the whole cost again. As such:

**For those optometrists employed by a contractor in the Bradford City; Bradford Districts; Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven (AWC) the cost will be £50 with the LOC covering the remainder.**

**For all those self employed or employed outside the Bradford LOC area the cost will be £150.**

So for all those that replied to my original email and also those that need to complete the WOPEC MECS OSCE the steps are as follows

1. Complete the WOPEC modules if not already done so
2. Complete the attached form and return to me. Please note I will be contacting the contractor to check you are employed in the practice if you have stated this.
3. Register your place on [wopec.co.uk](http://wopec.co.uk) ( this will be available in the next few days)
4. Details on how to make payment will follow in due course.

I would also request that you do not advise any of your colleagues that work outside of the Bradford areas who have yet to complete the OSCES to book a place. At the moment we wish to prioritise places at the event which will be limited to those performers who work in the local area.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Raj Billoo