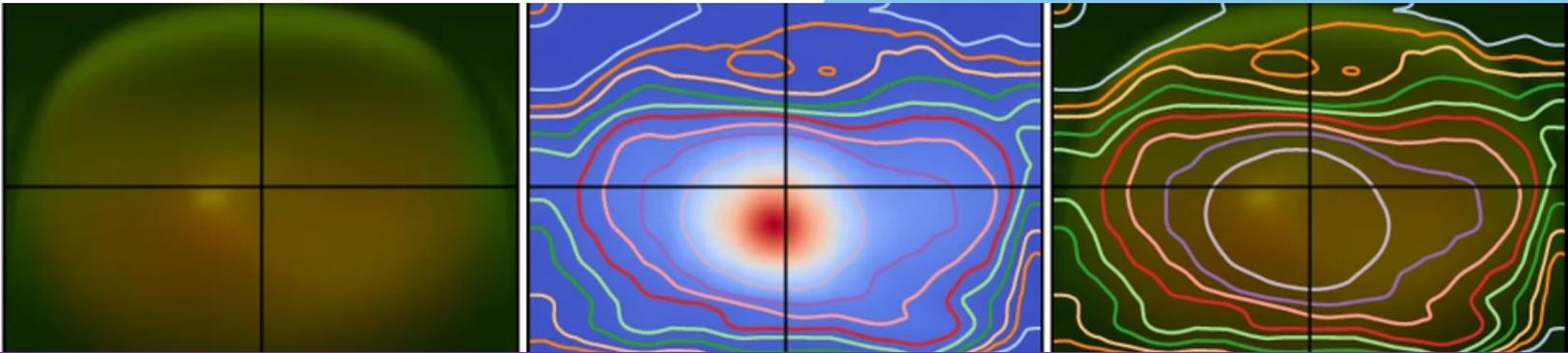


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Scottish Government Shows Support For SCONE

The Scottish Government's Directorate of Primary Care has laid out its strong support for SCONE in their PCA (Primary Care Administration) released in December 2022.

PCA(O)2022(07) advises optometrists across Scotland of NHS and Scottish Government support for SCONE, and encourages optometry practices to get involved:

"This is a globally important study that has the potential to save the lives of millions of people. As such, **optometry practices in Scotland are highly encouraged to participate in the SCONE project** by facilitating the secure transfer of retinal images held locally in their practice to Public Health Scotland's Safe Haven, which is enabled by the NHS Scotland Public Benefit and Privacy Panel for Health and Social Care (PBPP)"

[Click HERE to read the full PCA](#)



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SCONE is delighted to have been awarded a further two years of funding from our foundational funders: The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Sight Scotland, Edinburgh & Lothians Health Foundation, RS Macdonald Charitable Trust, and the Chief Scientist Office, allowing us to expand the scope of the project across Scotland.



REGISTER INTEREST WITH SCONe ONLINE

We have now made it even easier to take part in SCONe.

Optometry practices can now register their interest with SCONe or request more information about the project online.

Click the link below to fill out our simple online form and a member of the SCONe team will get in touch at a time that suits you.

[Click HERE to register with SCONe](#)



LORNA'S STORY

The patient perspective is essential to SCONe's work. SCONe Patient Ambassador Lorna was kind enough to share her experience with wet AMD.

"I don't have a problem with my eyesight so long as I maintain my four-weekly injections... The first injection is definitely quite nerve-racking as you don't know what is going to happen, but I have been getting them every few weeks for years now. You do just get used to it."

[Click HERE to read Lorna's Story](#)



SCONe BECOMES CPD PROVIDER

SCONe is now a GOC-accredited CPD provider.

We will soon be delivering **FREE CPD** with webinars on topics such as artificial intelligence, retinal and brain imaging, brain health, stroke, macular disease and more.

To register your interest and stay informed about upcoming CPD events, please email scone@ed.ac.uk with your full name and 'CPD' in the subject line.



SCONe EXHIBITS AT CONFERENCES

SCONe Research Optometrists Dr Alice McTrusty and Fiona Buckmaster attended the Scottish Optical Conference (SOC) in November 2022 and had a fantastic time talking to optometrists about unlocking the potential of the retinal images they capture in their practices.

The SCONe team will be at **Eyecare Glasgow 2023** on **5th & 6th February**, so be sure to drop by the exhibition hall and say hi!