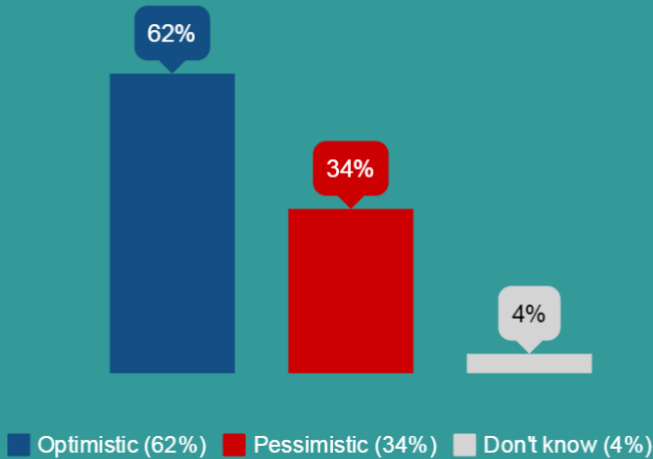


# General Optical Council Registrant Survey 2016



## The future of the optical professions

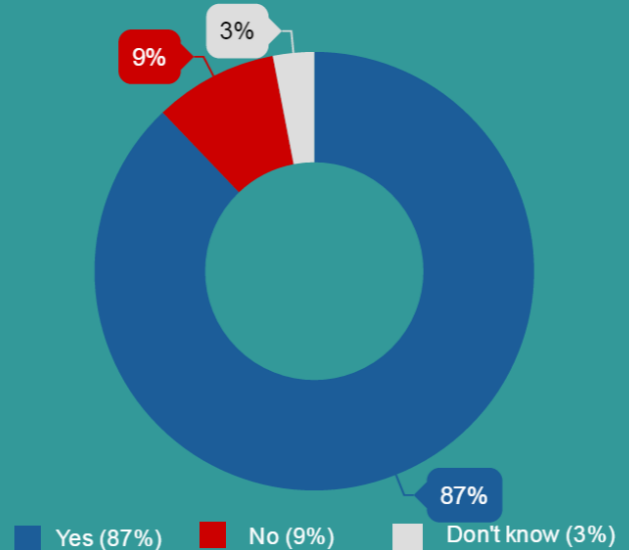
How optimistic are you about the future of your profession?



National differences for those who are optimistic about the future:

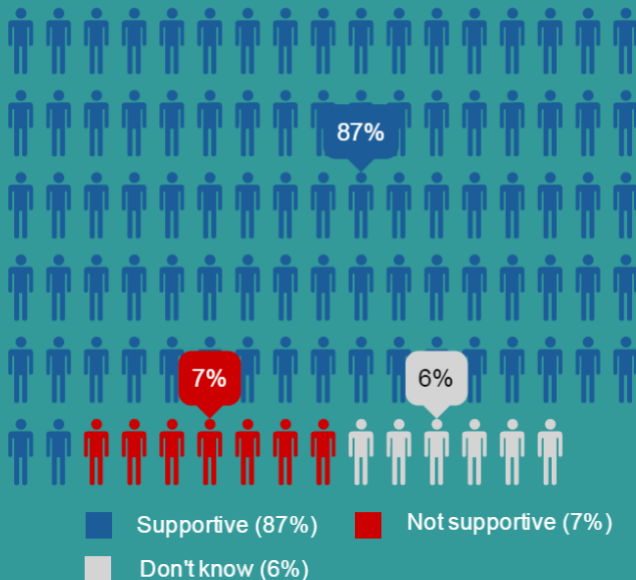
Scotland - 75%	Wales - 66%
Northern Ireland - 67%	England - 60%

Do you think your role will change in the next five years?



Technological changes and a higher expectation from the Government and regulators most cited reasons for role changes

## 87% supportive of plans to provide more enhanced eye care services in community settings



National differences for those who were supportive of plans

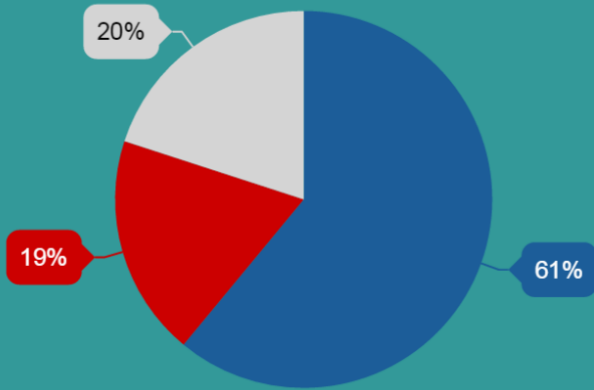
England - 86%	Northern Ireland - 93%
Scotland - 93%	Wales - 94%

Optometrists - 88% supportive of plans

Dispensing opticians - 84% supportive of plans

# 40% involved currently in delivering enhanced eye care services

Of those not involved, 61% saw themselves playing a role in the future

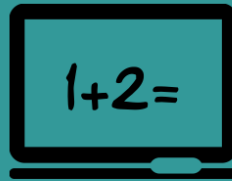


- Yes, will play a role (61%)
- No, will not play a role (19%)
- Don't know (20%)

Main reasons for not playing a role in future



Not cost effective - 17%



Difficult to access training - 14%

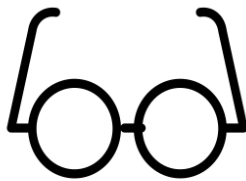


Employer not interested - 12%

64% of optometrists had considered gaining another qualification for prescribing medicines or assisting in the management of eye conditions  
33% had not considered it because:



No time to study - 37%



Can't use it in practice - 34%



Not part of career plan - 33%



Can't afford right training - 17%

For more information...

These results have been taken from the General Optical Council Registrant Survey 2016, conducted by Enventure Research.

The survey was completed online with an overall sample size of 4,139 registrants of the General Optical Council.

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