

Specsavers offer more at Morningside

ONE of Scotland's leading optometrists can now offer specialist advice for retinal conditions from the Specsavers store in Morningside.

Michael O'Kane, who is Scotland's Optometrist of the Year, has completed further study in the field of Medical Retina with leading eye hospital Moorfields.

This equips him with hospital-level knowledge of treatments for retinal conditions including diabetes, macular degeneration, retinal detachments and dystrophies, which are increasing as the population ages.

Specsavers Morningside optometrist Katherine Dickson also holds the qualification.

Michael said: 'I want to ensure that we are able to provide the expert care our patients need, and this new certification demonstrates that commitment.'

'The training has been designed to support our knowledge of screening, referrals and treatment pathways for retinal conditions and, together with Katherine, we can now offer an enhanced service for customers right in the heart of their local high street.'

This is the latest in a string of enhanced qualifications which he has completed. Earlier this year, Michael also studied in the field of Therapeutics Independent Prescribing, qualifying him to clinically assess patients and treat and prescribe ocular medications under the NHS for a number of eye conditions.

He is one of only a few optometrists in the UK to hold both this qualification and a Professional Certificate in Paediatric Eye Care, having completed further study in this area last year.

Michael was awarded Optometrist of the Year at the Scottish Health Awards in 2018 by the Scottish Health Secretary, and UK

Optometrist of the Year at The Opticians Awards in the same year.

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SpecSavers Morningside Optometrist Director Michael O'Kane
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