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The end of the 20th and start of 21st centuries have seen increasing influences on health care and as a multi professional discipline Ophthalmology is no exception. Wherever we live in the world, we are influenced by ethics, professionalism and various types of law; medical, statute or soft law. The ultimate goal is the same, but the drivers and influences differ.

Whatever our profession, we have a duty of care to our patients, this talk is aimed to promote discussion on the influences professional groups can have on the care that we deliver. How have the professional groups changed over the years? What impact will the current political situation in Europe (Brexit) have on our practice? Why do we so often find ourselves without a voice? How can we support, promote or lobby for change? How do we get our voices heard? How can we come together to create a stronger and more unified voice on the things that influence our working lives and the care we deliver to patients?