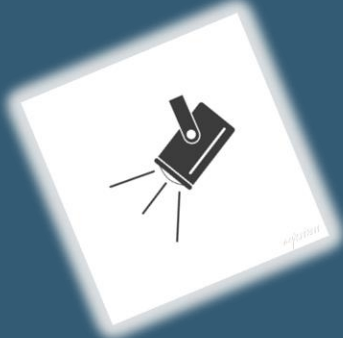


## Important Updates

NSS, Practitioner & Counter Fraud Services took ownership and responsibility of NPCCD from Public Health Scotland on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

### Spotlight on Ophthalmic:



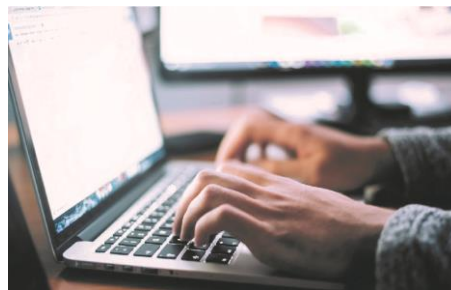
Scottish Government are currently undertaking a national data cleansing process to ensure a consistent approach to the Ophthalmic model. All NHS Boards must start using the recommended naming conventions and tidy up e.g. email address fields. Further details and guidance will be distributed to all NHS Boards in Scotland in due course.

## About NPCCD

### Newsletter for GPs and Optometrists March 2023

#### NPCCD stands for the National Primary Care Clinician Database

The NPCCD Medical and Ophthalmic systems are national systems used and maintained by all Health Boards and currently contain details of all GPs and Optometrists/Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners validated to work in the Board area and locum for others. The data is used for onward feeding of other NHS systems, such as for verification and payment purposes as well as source data for National extracts as appropriate.



#### NPCCD Key Developments:

**Medical** – NPCCD Medical system went live on 26 June 2020 replacing the GP Contractor Database (GPCD).

- Currently in Business as Usual.

**Ophthalmic** – The NPCCD Ophthalmic system went live on 23 November 2021 replacing OPCD.

- Community Glaucoma Service and Low Vision Service functionality currently under development and scheduled to go live end March/April 2023.

**Dental** – The requirements for a new Dental model have been completed, however this area of work was paused for a short period of time. It is our aim to take this forward soon.

#### Additional Uses of NPCCD

- **CHI:** With New CHI in progress and scheduled to go live in Summer 2023 we are exploring further uses of NPCCD as this system will become the “single source of truth” for all GP and Ophthalmic Data.
- **Digital Enablement Program:** We are currently working with the DEP to use NPCCD data to prepopulate their new Digital Contractor Forms.

## Contact Us

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- Freedom of information requests.

### Benefits of NPCCD

- Improved National Reporting from the following contractor groups:
  - Stakeholder/Contractor Groups
  - General Practitioners Optometrists/ophthalmic medical practitioners
- Improved and compliant IT system
- Increased assurance of validity of performers
- Improved data quality / reliability
- Reduced bureaucracy / increased consistency
- Increased efficiency / reduced manual entry / minimised duplication of effort
- Increased flexibility to grow the system over time as needed.

### What's Next

- We will be reaching out to all health boards soon with an aim to jointly ensure a better quality of data.
- Raise awareness within GP/Ophthalmic practices to let the Health Boards know of changes as soon as possible.

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