



Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

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Welcome to the schedule communications, where you will find useful information and helpful tips

Access the schedule close dates and payment timescales [here](#)

Reminder: All ophthalmic listed practices must provide GOS eye examinations free of charge

As per the following paragraphs within The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2006:

Application for an eye examination

22.— (1) A person who wishes to have an eye examination under general ophthalmic services may make an application to any ophthalmic medical practitioner or optician on the Ophthalmic List for an eye examination.

Payments

13.— (5) Except as provided in the regulations, in the Statement, or in the National Health Service (Charges for Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989(4), or in sub paragraph (6), a contractor shall not demand or accept or cause to be demanded or accepted from any patient or from other persons the payment of any fee or other remuneration in respect of the provision of general ophthalmic services.

All practices on the ophthalmic list must provide GOS eye examinations to patients. A contractor shall not demand or accept the payment of any fee or other remuneration in respect of the provision of General Ophthalmic Services.

All practices on the ophthalmic list are requested to review all marketing materials relating to eye examination pricing structure to ensure these clearly state that a free of charge, standard NHS GOS eye examination is **available to all patients** attending the practice and these marketing materials must not cast doubt on the quality of an NHS eye examination.

Reintroduction of Biannual magazine: Focus

As of February 2023, we have reintroduced our biannual magazine, Focus, where you will find many useful articles on our existing procedures as well as any new developments. We encourage you to peruse it at your leisure. We hope that is an interesting and useful read.

You can access it below:



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This edition:

- **Introduction to our Optometric Advisors**
- **Community Glaucoma Service, New Eyecare Services Programme**
- **Ophthalmic 24, 25 and 26 forms**
- **Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) Scotland Emotional and Practical Support Eyecare Liaison Officers (ECLO) Services**

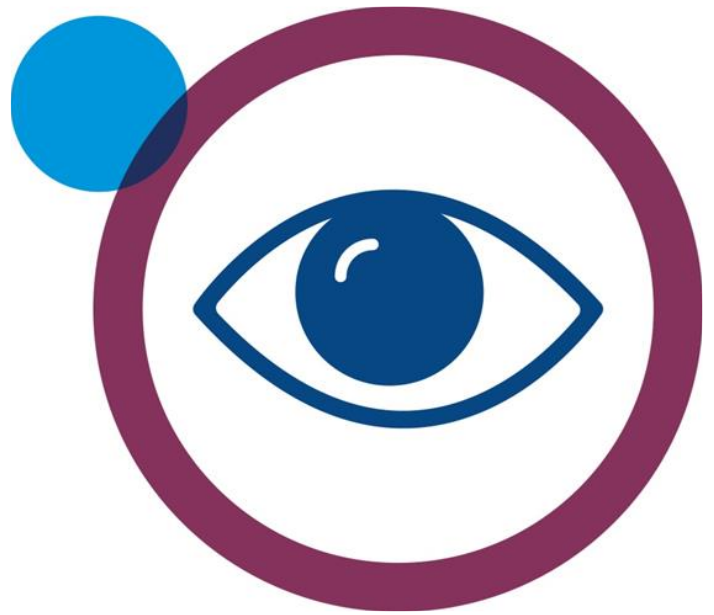
- **Changed name and/or gender for patients**
- **Special facial characteristics supplement**
- **Continuing Professional Development**
- **Timescales for submission of claims and forms**
- **Submission of admin forms**
- **NHS emails**
- **E-Schedule contacts**

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We have also published a PDF version on our website, which you can access at any time (<https://www.nss.nhs.scot/> > Ophthalmic Services > Communications and Important Updates > Focus).

Those on our list currently receiving these [monthly communications](#) and “eSchedules are available” prompts, will be contacted when Focus is published.

If any other staff wish to be added to our list, they can send an email with the subject “OPH email list addition” to NSS.psdophthalmic@nhs.scot



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