

# WGOS NEWSLETTER



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Wales General  
Ophthalmic Services

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## Welcome

**WGOS newsletter** is the go-to place to support you through Welsh Government's optometry contract reform programme. Each newsletter will give a bitesize summary of a particular topic with links to relevant resources and support. With tips and advice to help you prepare for the new optometry services... ***we've got you.***

The WGOS reform programme will see the range of NHS-funded eye care services provided by optometrists, OMPs and dispensing opticians in Wales increased, with each member of the practice team collaborating to work at the top of their respective clinical licence.



## Newsletter #10 will focus on: Webinar: WGOS 4: Medical Retina, Hydroxychloroquine and Glaucoma

WGOS 4 is a service where patients who would previously have been referred to/or managed in the Hospital Eye Service (HES) instead remain in primary care for further enhanced assessment as part of an agreed referral refinement or monitoring pathway.

WGOS 4 utilises Primary Care Optometry to reduce historical hospital demand by managing presentations of higher clinical risk.

The overall aim of the WGOS 4 and 5 clinical pathways is in line with "A Healthier Wales" improving access for patients' eye care and managing more patients closer to home, ensuring patients stay healthy and independent.



# Key Questions



## Am I a practice manager, contractor or performer working in Wales?

- ↘ If **'yes'** act now: Save the dates for of our WGOS 4 webinars.
- ↘ If your answer is **'no'** to the above, relax and wait for the next newsletter



## Summary

### What?

Webinars for WGOS 4.

### When?

- ↘ Tuesday 12th March 2024  
**12.00-1.00pm**

[Click here to access](#)

- ↘ Thursday 14th March 2024  
**7.00-8.00pm**

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### How?

Click on the links to the left:

#### Or visit:

<https://www.nhs.wales/sa/eye-care-wales/wgos/wgos-newsletters/>

and click on the links in Newsletter #10

## Stay in touch

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