

WGOS NEWSLETTER



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Welcome

WGOS newsletter is the go-to place to support you deliver WGOS. 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 deliver WGOS ... ***we've got you.***

WGOS brings a wider range of NHS-funded eye care services provided by optometrists, OMPs and dispensing opticians in Wales, with each member of the practice team collaborating to work at the top of their respective clinical licence.



Newsletter #15 will focus on: WGOS Service Insight: WGOS1 Smoking Cessation

Service Insights occur three times a year and will cover a wide range. It is our opportunity to listen to those delivering WGOS, so that we are able to better support you.

All practices performing WGOS must participate in three Service Insights each financial year. This forms part of the WGOS Quality Package, which is associated with a payment to Contractors. The other aspects of the WGOS Quality Package are Quality for Optometry (a practice checklist to assure Health Boards of quality) and Workforce reporting (to help plan service and training).

This second 2024/5 Service Insight is regarding WGOS1 Smoking Cessation. The impact will be;

- To better understand your experiences asking patients whether they smoke.
- To understand how patients are being supported in smoking cessation.
- To identify any further resources that we can provide to support the profession.
- To communicate findings outside of Wales and add to the research and knowledge pool in this field.

Please follow <https://forms.office.com/e/K9AiBtXKvj> to access the Service Insight survey.

This Service Insight must be completed by 07/02/25

? Key Questions

- **All:** I am responsible for issuing the Patient Management Plan in my practice?
- **Optometrists/OMPs:** Have I completed the Service Insight and retained email/screenshot evidence of completion?
- **Contractors:** Have I supported my optometrists/OMPs in completion of the Service Insight and kept a record of all their evidence of completion?

If **not**, act now:

- Access Service Insight guidance [Service Insights - NHS Wales](#)
- Access the [Smoking Cessation Service Insight survey](#)

Summary

What?

- For this second Service Insight: "WGOS1 Smoking Cessation", all Optometrists and OMPs performing WGOS must complete the mandatory Service Insight. If you work across more than one practice, please only complete the survey once, in what you consider your principal place of work to be.

When?

- The survey must be completed by **07/02/25**

How?

- <https://forms.office.com/e/K9AiBtXKvj>

Support for you

Optometry Wales (OW) is the professional umbrella organisation for the primary care eye health professions in Wales. They are able to offer support and advice.

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Previous updates can be found at:

[WGOS Newsletters - NHS Wales](#)



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