



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 #5 will focus on: Mobile WGOS

Core NHS optometry service provision in Wales after the regulations come into force require the delivery of WGOS 1 and WGOS 2. WGOS 1 services are like the current GOS sight test with additional elements of prevention and wellbeing advice together with a patient management plan. WGOS 2 services align with current Eye Health Examination Wales (EHEW) services.

As part of Welsh Government's optometry reforms, all contractors currently providing or wishing to provide WGOS 1 & 2 (including NHS dispenses) in mobile (domiciliary) settings from mid-October 2023, even if this is very infrequent, will be required to have a Mobile Service Agreement with every Health Board in which they wish to undertake mobile services.

One of the requirements of obtaining the Mobile Service Agreement is that the Practice is able to demonstrate that they can meet the current EHEW requirements, which includes having access to a minimum standard of equipment that can be used in a mobile setting. This is achieved through the completion of the Practice Self-assessment form application.



Contractors who wish to provide mobile services after mid-October 2023 are required to complete and return the form to NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership by 30 September 2023. If your Practice wishes to provide WGOS in a mobile setting, but is unable to meet these requirements, we encourage you to still submit your form outlining your position as soon as possible, so that NWSSP can liaise with the Health Boards and Optometry Wales to find a solution for you and your patients.

Contractors currently offers a mobile service, that do not wish to continue after the regulations come into force, should notify the relevant Health Board(s) through nwssp-primarycareservices@wales.nhs.uk

Contractors currently listed for mobile services who do not return a form will be removed from the mobile section of the ophthalmic list from mid-October and will be unable to provide mobile WGOS.

Key Questions



Am I a contractor providing mobile services from a practice or entirely mobile?

- If your answer is **'yes'**: Download and complete the relevant form(s).
- If **'No'**: Relax and wait for the next newsletter.

Summary

What?

Mobile Service Agreements required from all contractors wishing to provide mobile WGOS.

How?

Download Practice Self-assessment form(s):
[WGOS Newsletters - NHS Wales](#)

When?

As soon as possible, the process can take weeks! The forms need not be fully completed at the time of first submission. NWSSP can work with you towards its completion through sharing of templates or directing you to other resources.

For queries regarding the application form and process please contact NWSSP at:
nwssp-primarycareservices@wales.nhs.uk

For queries regarding EHEW accreditation and WGOS mandatory training please contact HEIW at: heiw.optometry@wales.nhs.uk

For queries regarding mobile equipment requirements please contact:
sharonbeatty@optometrywales.com



Stay in touch

Optometry Wales (OW) is the professional umbrella organisation for the primary care eye health professions in Wales. They can offer support and advice. Email: Debbie.O'Sullivan@Optometrywales.com

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