

# WGOS

# NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome

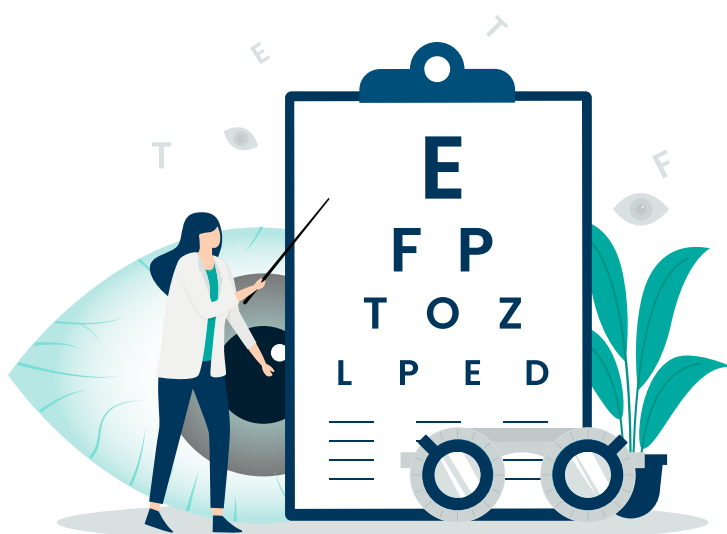
**WGOS newsletter** is the go-to place to support you through Welsh Government's optometry contract reform programme. Each newsletter will give a bitesize summary of a particular topic with links to relevant resources and support. With tips and advice to help you prepare for the new optometry services... ***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 #9 will focus on: WGOS 3: Low Vision

- A phased roll out of the Secure File Sharing Portal (SFSP) has commenced. This will enable Practitioners to submit low vision documentation to NWSSP electronically. Contact will be made with Practitioners in due to onboard you onto the SFSP. However, if you lose fax functionality prior to this, please contact the low vision team on [low.vision@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:low.vision@wales.nhs.uk).
- The WGOS 3 clinical manual and supporting resources can be found on the Eye Care Wales website [here](#).
- Please use the new [WGOS 3:LV new record card](#) for full assessments and follow up assessments.



## WGOS 3 Level 3 - Please be reminded of the following

- WGOS 3: LV record cards now must be signed by the Practitioner and the patient/representative.
- The "Sight Test Date" must be completed.
- Please do not send delivery advices to NWSSP but retained them for your own records.
- Please ensure that the patients preferred communication method is detailed on the record card.
- Please detail in a full assessment all low vision aids shown/demonstrated to the patient and tick if you would like to order the aid. If following the assessment, the patient would like additional aids ordered which were trialled, you can contact the Low Vision team [low.vision@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:low.vision@wales.nhs.uk) and request that these additional aids are ordered. Providing the aids that the patient is requesting were detailed on the full assessment record card, there is no requirement to submit any additional paper work.

## Key Questions



Am I a contractor, optometrist or dispensing optician working in wales?

- If **'yes'** to the above: to the above, please take care to note these points when providing WGOS 3: Low Vision.
- If your answer is **'no'** to the above, relax and wait for the next newsletter.

## Summary

### What?

Please note the points above.

### When?

Every day when delivering WGOS 3: Low Vision

### How?

The WGOS 3 clinically manual and supporting documentation can be found [here](#).

## Stay in touch

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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