



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 #14 will focus on: WGOS Patient Management Plan (PMP)

The WGOS Patient Management Plan ("WGOS PMP") paperwork replaces GOS(W)2 Prescription Form.

The PMP;

- Was designed in partnership with patients. It is person centred and visually engaging, encouraging patient ownership.
- Supports the optometrist in delivering holistic care as required of the WGOS1 eye examination, providing health messaging aiding prevention and well-being.
- Provides ample opportunity for the optometrist to confirm both ocular health and holistic advice.

Must I?

We know not every practice currently uses the GOS(W)2 form. You may use your own design for the WGOS PMP so long as the following criteria is, or can be, incorporated:

- All elements required on a prescription, as per Opticians' Act.
- Health messaging in line with the WGOS PMP.
- Signposting to Eye Care Wales website, Help Me Quit, and Help Us Help You.
- A section to allow for additional bespoke advice.
 - » More guidance on this can be found in the patient resource section of Eye Care Wales website.

When?

- ↘ From 1st January 2025 the WGOS PMP (or your own equivalent and comparable) must be used. However, you can start using the WGOS PMP as soon as stocks arrive, before that date. You may prefer to run down old stocks of GOS(W)2.

Old stock?

We ask that you dispose of old redundant stock discretely and ethically.

? Key Questions

- ↘ Am I a responsible for issuing the Patient Management Plan in my practice?
- ↘ If 'yes' act now to ensure your offer to the patient is the right one.
- ↘ If your answer is 'no' to the above, relax and wait for the next newsletter.

Summary

What?

- ↘ Get ready to change your prescription forms to the WGOS PMP!

When?

- ↘ Earliest? Whenever you receive them.
- ↘ Latest? 1st January 2025.

How?

- ↘ For all the advice here plus links to digital copies of the WGOS PMP and the QR codes please visit the Practice Resources section of the Eye Care Wales website.

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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