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Health & Social Services Group

LHB Directors of Primary, Community and Mental Health Services
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Dear Colleague

PAYMENTS TO OPTOMETRISTS PROVIDING ENHANCED OPTOMETRY SERVICES

We have reached agreement with Optometry Wales on the payments eligible to optometrists providing the Wales General Ophthalmic Services (WGOS) Enhanced Optometry Services for 2024-25. The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care has approved these recommendations which are set out below.

The new payment structure outlined in Table 1 becomes operational from 21 October 2024 and relates to the arrangements set out in The Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016 and The Low Vision Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016, as amended by the National Health Service (Wales Eye Care Services) (Wales) Directions 2023.

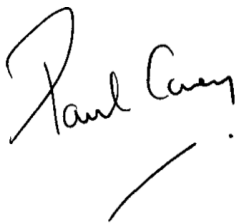
Table 1

WGOS 3 (Previously LVSW Initial Assessment)	£ 97.20
WGOS 3 (LVSW Annual Review / Follow up assessment)	£ 57.24
WGOS 3 CVI in primary care	£ 76.00
WGOS 3 CVI - Ocular examination claim only	£ 71.63
WGOS 3 Ocular examination and low vision certification	£ 71.63 + £76 = £147.63
WGOS Level 4 Medical Retina (Referral Refinement)	£ 98.28
WGOS Level 4 Medical Retina (Monitoring)	£ 98.28
WGOS Level 4 Glaucoma (Referral Refinement)	£ 110.00
WGOS Level 4 Glaucoma (Monitoring)	£ 110.00
WGOS Level 5 (Independent Prescribing)	£ 135.00
WGOS Level 5 (Follow up Independent Prescribing)	£ 66.96
WGOS Level 5 Glaucoma (Monitoring)	£ 135.00
Domiciliary (1st and 2nd)	£ 40.57
Domiciliary (3rd and subsequent)	£ 10.15

Occupational Health Delivery - detailed requirements and values per Health Board included within annual allocation.	
Collection of Clinical waste (procurement undertaken by NWSSP and will be co-ordinated by NWSSP on behalf of Health Boards). Detailed requirements and values per Health Board included within annual allocation.	
Reimbursement of clinical consumables (to be co-ordinated by NWSSP but paid from Health Board allocations). Detailed requirements and values per Health Board included within annual allocation.	

Health boards will manage the cost of delivering this increase in payment through their recurrent revenue allocations as part of the pay uplift settlement assumptions.

Yours sincerely



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