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WGOS: Low Vision Meta AI

This alert has been cascaded to the following:

- All Wales Low Vision Practitioners
- All Wales Ophthalmic Advisors
- All Wales Ophthalmic Practices

Dear All,

We have recently seen an increasing number of applications for Meta AI glasses being submitted through WGOS3: LV.

The introduction of AI-enabled glasses represents an exciting development for many people living with vision impairment. As part of an initial proof-of-concept exercise, we have approved a small number of applications, and the feedback received from both patients and practitioners to date has been mostly positive.

However, there is currently limited peer-reviewed evidence regarding the effectiveness and wider impact of AI-enabled glasses for people with vision impairment. As an NHS service, we have a responsibility to ensure that the care and support we provide is evidence-based. To support this, we are in the process of obtaining research ethics approval to undertake a robust evaluation of AI-enabled glasses for people living with vision impairment. The findings of this work will help inform future service development and decision-making.

While we are awaiting ethics approval, we are unable to approve any further applications for Meta AI glasses. We would, however, encourage practitioners to continue submitting applications where they believe a patient may benefit. This information will help us better understand the level of demand and assess the potential role of AI-enabled glasses within the future WGOS3:LV low vision catalogue.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we undertake this work.

Best wishes,

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