FAO All WGOS Contractors and Performers

cc HBOAs, Ophthalmology NCL, NHSWP&I Planned Care Team, Optometry Wales

Dear WGOS Contractors and Performers,

We would like to draw your attention to a number of national ophthalmology resources that are now available on the NHS Wales intranet. **Please note the link can only be accessed via NHS email through the NHS intranet.**

The resources include:

- *Cataract Referral Guideline* and *Cataract Guideline National Resource Pack* - a standardised national approach to cataract referrals, including referral criteria, mandatory datasets and information required to support timely and appropriate access to secondary care.
- *AMD Medical Retina Guideline National Resource Pack* - the national pathway for the referral, treatment and monitoring of wet age-related macular degeneration (wAMD), including expectations for WGOS referrals, community monitoring and integration with Hospital Eye Services.
- *Glaucoma Guideline National Resource Pack* - a national framework for glaucoma and ocular hypertension care, covering referral requirements, SLT-first treatment approaches, shared care arrangements and the expanding role of WGOS 4 glaucoma services in monitoring suitable patients.
- *EBI Guidance - Blepharoplasty Ptosis Surgery Clinical Criteria for NHS Treatment* – an evidence-based guidance supporting consistent assessment and referral of patients with ptosis and dermatochalasis, clarifying that NHS-funded surgery should be reserved for patients with demonstrable functional impairment rather than cosmetic concerns alone.

Together, these documents support a more consistent, equitable and integrated approach to ophthalmology care across Wales.

We encourage all contractors, performers and relevant practice staff involved in delivering WGOS services to familiarise themselves with the guidance and consider how it applies to local clinical practice.