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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 #1 will focus on: WGOS level 2

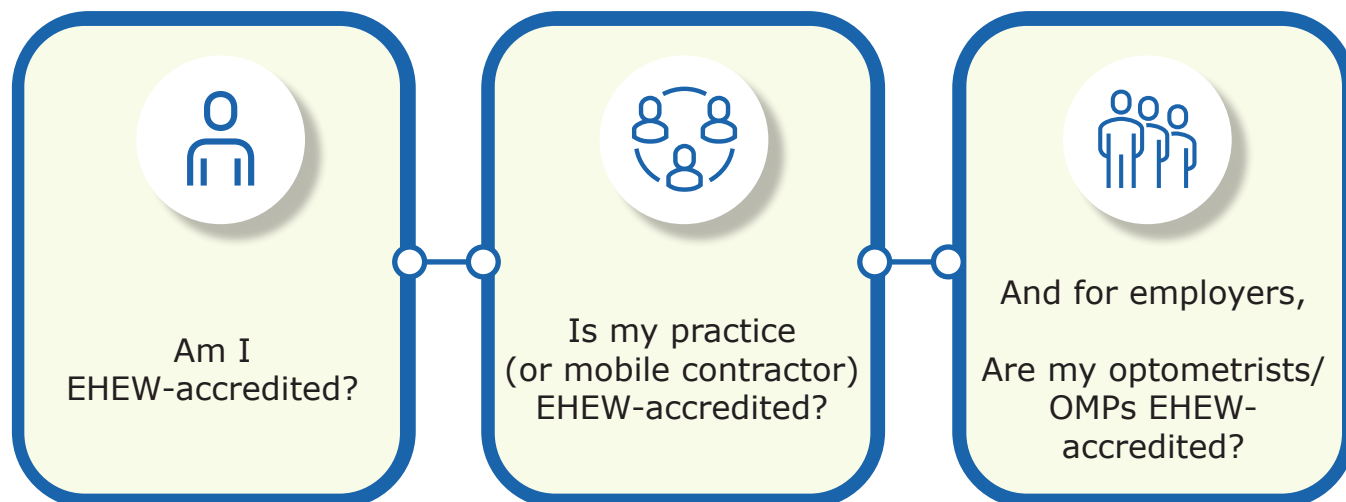
WGOS 2 services will be provided by all optometrists, OMPs and practices. They align with current Eye Health Examination Wales (EHEW) services. All optometrists and OMPs practising in Wales, including locums and providers of mobile (domiciliary) services, and contractors must be EHEW accredited before the date the new regulations come into force.

Most optometrists and practices already have this accreditation.

Once EHEW-accredited there will also be a small amount of learning required by everyone to become familiar with the new services. That additional WGOS assimilation resource will become available in September and will be the subject of a future Newsletter.



Key Questions



If your answer is **'yes'** to all the above, relax and wait for the next newsletter.

If not, act now: Individuals should contact HEIW for EHEW-accreditation; practices (including mobile contractors) should contact NWSSP.

Summary

What?

- Every optometrist, OMP and contractor must be EHEW-accredited. This includes mobile-only (domiciliary-only) performers and contractors.

When?

- By the time the new regulations come into force, most likely mid-October 2023.

How?

- Individuals who need accreditation should contact:

heiw.optometry@wales.nhs.uk

- Contractors that need accreditation should contact:

nwssp-primarycareservices@wales.nhs.uk

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