



## 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 #3 will focus on: Webinars

***September will see launch webinars for the IPOS Urgent pathway (WGOS 5) and for October's regulatory changes (WGOS 1-3). Contractors and performers should attend the webinars or view the recordings as part of their preparation for WGOS.***

***From mid-September 2023***, Health Boards will be able to launch their local IPOS Urgent pathways to establish independent prescribing optometry services where none exist or to switch their current provision to the new WGOS 5 pathway. The National Clinical Lead for WGOS will host webinars prior to this to explain the national service model. Your health board will contact you after these with details of what they are doing locally, particularly regarding the local launch date, any local rotas and changes to local guidelines for urgent ophthalmology referrals, e.g. Eye Casualty or RACE.

***From mid-October 2023***, GOS, EHEW and LVSU services will be replaced nationally by WGOS 1-3. The National Clinical Lead for WGOS will host webinars in September 2023 to explain what will be different and what will remain the same in the new services. Around the same time HEIW will make mandatory training available and the clinical manual for WGOS 1-3 will be launched.

# Key Questions



Am I a contractor, optometrist or dispensing optician working in wales?

- ↘ If **'yes' act now**: Save the dates and register for one IPOS Urgent and one WGOS 1-3 launch webinar.
- ↘ If your answer is **'no'** to the above, relax and wait for the next newsletter.

## Summary

### What?

Webinars for WGOS 1-3 and WGOS 5 IPOS Urgent.

### When?

#### **WGOS 5 IPOS Urgent:**

- ↘ [7.00-8.00 pm, Thursday 7 September 2023](#)
- ↘ [12.00-1.00 pm, Friday 8 September 2023](#)

#### **WGOS 1-3:**

- ↘ [7.00-8.30 pm, Wednesday 13 September 2023](#)
- ↘ [12.00-1.30 pm, Friday 15 September 2023](#)

### How?

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