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Dear Paul,

GOS fees and associated payments for 25/26

I am writing to you with regard to the NHS sight test, continuing professional development and the supervisors' clinical placement payments for 2025/26.

Ministers have now considered the recommendations made by NHS England and have agreed to increase the NHS sight test fee from £23.53 to £24.13 from 1st April 2025.

The additional fees element of domiciliary care will remain at:

£40.80 for the first and second sight test; and
£10.21 for the third and subsequent sight test.

The continuing professional development payment will remain at £596 for 25/26.

Ministers have also considered the effects of the General Optical Council's education strategic review which will see the phasing out of the pre-registration year and the introduction of clinical placements from this year, offered as part of the Master's degree. Ministers have agreed to continue to support supervisors of optometry clinical placements under both systems, with the payment for placements completed in 25/26 remaining at £4,010.

I have attached two sets of draft Directions in relation to the above for your comments, these are:

- The General Ophthalmic Services (Payments) Directions 2025
- The General Ophthalmic Services Contracts (Continuing Professional Development Allowance) Payments Directions 2025.

The Directions relating to the clinical placement training payment will follow shortly.

We would be grateful for any comments on the attached Directions by 28 November, or before if possible. Please let us know if this will not be possible.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Scully
Director – Primary and Community Care