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To: London GOS contractors
Optometrists providing GOS in the London region

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cc. London LOCs chairs
London professional service leads

Dear Colleagues,

London Primary Care Optometrist Pathways and Referral Guide

The attached guide has been compiled to support all optometrists providing General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) in the London region. It is especially important for locum, newly qualified and 'new to area' optometrists prior to commencement, including those delivering domiciliary eye care. The expectation is for GOS contractors / NHS optometrist performers to align their practice accordingly.

The guide has been reviewed by the LOC Chairs group. It went to the London Clinical Executive Group and the London Ophthalmology and Eye Care Board in January.

The guide does not include information on specific Integrated Care Board (ICB) eye care referral pathways. These are agreed between local commissioners, Trusts, LOCs and primary eye care providers. This important information should be communicated widely within each ICB and should be readily accessible to all within the practice and kept updated.

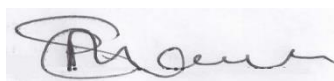
Before working in an area, optometrists should be familiar with all referral options, so that patients can be referred safely and appropriately.

For GOS contractors, please can you share the guide with practice optometrists, particularly newly qualified, locum, 'new to area' and student optometrists.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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