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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 21 March 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Details of Request

1. Are there any private providers delivering NHS commissioned community glaucoma services (Y/N)

1a. If Yes, are these for new and follow up patients or just follow up patients

1b. If Yes, which providers

2. Are these services provided in any part by optometrists (Y/N)

2a. If Yes, what is the minimum professional qualification of the optometrists providing the service. (eg, MCOptom or Prof Cert Glaucoma or Higher Cert Glaucoma or DipGlau)

2b. Are optometrists responsible for changing glaucoma medications (Y/N)

Our Response

Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, County Durham and Sunderland places:

1. No

1a – 2b. N/A

North Cumbria place:

1. *Yes - Intra Ocular Pressure (IOP) Refinement Service for optometric practices within North Cumbria to provide primary care repeat readings that will deflect unnecessary referrals to secondary care.*

1a. *New and Follow Up*

1b. *Primary Eyecare Services Limited (ODS code: AFW)*

2. *Yes*

2a. *Procedures and skills needed to provide this service are within core competency. Optometrists expected to complete the WOPEC distance learning certificate.*

2b. *No*

Tees Valley place:

1. *Yes*

1a. *Both, new and follow up*

1b.

Blink Eyewear

Boots Opticians

Breen Opticians

Campbell and McDearmid Opticians

EGE Hall

Hart Optical Ltd T/A Thomas and Saunders Optometrists

Hendersons Opticians

Home Visit Eyecare (Loftus Optical)

Insite Eyecare

Intellisight Eyecare

JJJ Optical

Keith Walker Optical Boutique

McCormick and Gorman

Mellis Eyecare

Primary Eyecare Services Ltd

S Thomas Opticians

SH Reily

Specsavers

TD Morton

Timlins

Wade Optom

2. *Yes*

2a. *All practitioners are required to keep their skills up to date and achieve the minimum CET requirement as set out by the GOC*

2b. *No*

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Yours sincerely

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