

4th April 2023

**General Ophthalmic Services****To all Ophthalmic Contractors providing General Ophthalmic services****Please also bring this to the attention of all individual optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners (OMPS) providing General Ophthalmic Services in your practice****INCREASE IN SIGHT TEST AND DOMICILIARY VISITING FEES  
PAYABLE TO OPHTHALMIC CONTRACTORS and INCREASE IN CET  
GRANT PAYABLE TO INDIVIDUAL OPTOMETRISTS AND OPHTHALMIC  
MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in conformity with similar action taken in Great Britain have authorised the Organisation to increase fees payable to Optometrists and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners for sight testing and domiciliary visits carried out under General Ophthalmic Services. The fees are increased as follows: -

**From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

1. For HS Sight Tests performed by Optometrists on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 - £22.92
2. For HS Sight Tests performed by Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 - £22.92. For superannuation purposes, please note that for Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners the practice expense component of the sight test is £5.82.
3. For HS Domiciliary Sight Test visits carried out by Optometrists or Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the visiting fee will be - £40.40 for the first and second patients seen at one visit and £10.11 for the third and subsequent patients seen on the same visit.

In addition, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, have authorised the Business Services Organisation to increase the annual CET grant payable to individual optometrists and OMPs to £605 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. This is an annual increase of £26 and arrears will be paid for grants previously claimed and paid for 2022.

**Arrears: -**

Arrears will be paid as soon as possible.

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