

Y Grŵp Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Health and Social Services Group



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Health Board Chief Executives  
Chief Operating Officers  
Primary Care Directors  
Medical Directors  
Ophthalmology clinical and managerial leads

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**Re: Process for managing eye care provision**

Please find attached communication for all involved with the provision of eye care services in both primary and secondary care.

The attached guidelines support:

- Optometrists with additional advice regarding eye care provision following further social distancing measures announced by UK and Welsh Governments on 23 March.
- Health boards to put in place action plans to ensure 'urgent' patients are seen and reviewed as appropriate and ensure strategies are implemented that mitigate the loss of hospital based ophthalmology outpatient capacity over the next few months.

Please ensure that this information is shared across the health board and with all those involved with the provision of eye care services.

Thank you for your ongoing support and fast responses to this ever changing situation.

Regards

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