

**Abbreviations**

**ABDO**: Association of British Dispensing Opticians

**ACE:**  Anglian Community Enterprise (Winner of NE Essex Care closer to home bid). A not for profit health care company

**ACLM:** Association of Contact Lens Manufacturers

**ACO:** Accountable Care Organisations. Have more emphasis on health outcomes.

**AOP:** Association of Optometrists

**AQP**: Any Qualified Provider (a bidding process the NHS sometimes uses to identify people suitably qualified to provide a service)

**BCLA**:British Contact Lens Association

**BCO**: British College of Optometry. An optometrist funded patient support organisation

**CC2H:** Care Closer to Home – a CCG initiative to provide local, community health care

**CCG**: Community Commissioning Group, Clinical Commissioning Group- details can be found at <http://essex-loc.org/which-ccg-is-it/>

**CCT**: Central corneal thickness

**CET**: Continuing Education and Training

**CG:** Clinical governance - is a system through which NHS organisations are accountable for continuously improving the quality of their services and safeguarding high standards of care by creating an environment in which excellence in clinical care will flourish

**CGS:** Community Glaucoma Service

**CHUFT:** Colchester Hospital University Foundation Trust

**CR:** Cochrane Research - a systematic, up to date summary of reliable evidence of healthcare benefits and risks of a particular procedure or intervention, derived from the parent database maintained by Cochrane Collaboration

**CRB:** Criminal Records Bureau – superseded by DBS

**CRS:** Central Referral Service (in Mid Essex) – handles referrals into HES made by optoms

**CT:** Competitive Tendering

**CVDS:** Children's Vision Diagnostic Service

**CVI:** Certificate of Visual Impairment

**DBS:** Disclosure and Barring Service - non-departmental public body of the Home Office of the United Kingdom

**DoH:** Department of Health

**DRS:** Diabetic retinal screening

**EAT:** Essex Area Team

**ECLO:** Eye Clinic Liaison Officers

**EPE**: Essex Primary Eyecare (used to be the corporate arm of Essex LOC)

**EPIC:**Engagement, Partnership, Information, Communication - a 3-year project funded by the Department of Health which supports the aims of UK Vision Strategy

**ESNEFT** - East Suffolk and North East Foundation Trust. Combination of services hubs at Ipswich and Colchester (Was CHUFT). This reflects the closer links between North East Essex CCG (NEE CCG) and East Suffolk CCG (ES CCG) as part of the STP.

**ESO:** Enhanced Services Optometrist

**ESP:** Enhanced Services Practitioner

**FMO:** Federation of Manufacturing Opticians

**FODO:** Federation of (Ophthalmic and Dispensing) Opticians

**Future-proofing:** Trying to double guess future need in a service

**GIRFT:** Getting it Right First Time

**GMS:** General Medical Services

**GOC:** General Optical Council

**GOS:** General Ophthalmic Services

**GRR:** Glaucoma Referral Refinement, General Referral Refinement, Glaucoma Repeat Readings

**HWB:** Health and Well Being Boards

**ICS:** Integrated Care Systems

**IG:** Information governance - is the way in which the NHS handles all of its information, in particular the personal and sensitive information relating to patients and employees.

**LDC:** Local Dental Committee

**LEHN:** Local Eye Health Networks: Local network of professionals that are involved in eyecare e.g. ophthalmologists, social workers, optometrists, CCGs. Currently chaired by Lyn Price.

**LHM:** Local Health Matters

**LMC:** Local Medical Committee - professional organisation representing individual GPs and GP practices as a whole to the Primary Care Organisation.

**LP:** Lyn Price (former LOC Support Officer)

**LPC:** Local Pharmacy Committee

**LPN**: Local Professional Network (a multi-disciplinary group of professionals involved in a particular field of public health e.g. optometry)

**MECS**: Minor Eye Conditions Service

**Medisoft** - Early patient eye management software. Possibly expensive long term and clunky operation. See Open Eye.

**MEH** - Moorfields Eye Hospital

**MIU:** Minor Injuries Unit

**MSB:** The name used currently to describe the merger of Mid Essex Hospitals (Broomfield), Southend University Hospital (including Orsett) and Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital

**NEE:** North East Essex

**NELFT:** North East London Foundation Trust

**NHSCB NHS:** Commissioning Board

**NHS England:** National Health Service England

**NHS111**: NHS facility that will replace NHS Direct i.e. telephone-based acute but non-emergency medical advice

**NOC**: National Optometric Conference (this annual event is a get-together for LOCs)

**Open Eye** - Moorfields linked open to use patient management software, that integrates with Optomanager. As ‘Open’ is being constantly developed by users to make it fit for purpose including speed.

**OPHN**: Ophthalmic Public Health Network

**OPL:** Optical Performers List – maintained by the Area Team – containing the names of all optical Performers and Contractors that practice in a given area

**Optomanager** - LOCSU preferred  patient management software for MECS, GRR, Community management of stable glaucoma, etc

**OSCE:** Objective Structured Clinical Examination

**PAG**: Performance Advisory Group

**PAH** - Princes Alexander Hospital, Harlow, West Essex (WE)

**PCC:** The eye clinic at HES colchester has now moved to Primary Care Centre (PCC) above the Walk-in-Center , Turner Road, Mile End ,Colchester, CO4 5JR. Below, not **at** Colchester General Hospital which further up Turner Road. *(Pts are going to the old hospital or to CGH and not the PCC building*.) Also there is a mention about A&E but no switch board number which is 01206 747474. Also now we have for those with NHS mail an email address.

For urgent and emergency referrals: **chu-ftr.eyereferurgent@nhs.net** (Best to select for both a delivery and read receipt)

**PEE:** Primary Eyecare Essex

**PEN:** Primary Eyecare Networks

**PES:** Primary Eyecare Services

**POCS**: Post-Op Cataract Service

**PPV:** Post Payment Verification (Checking process for NHS England to check on accuracy of GOS claims)

**QiO:** Quality in Optometry

**QOF :** Quality and Outcome Framework -  is a system for the performance management and payment of general practitioners (GPs) in the National Health Service

**QUIPP**: Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention

**SDS:** Step Down Service

**STP:** Sustainability and Transformation Plan

**SUHFT:** Southend University Hospital Foundation Trust

**The LOC**: Essex LOC

**The Practice (Ltd)** - A provider of care & not a core part of the NHS. Based in Chelmsford.

**UKVS UK**: Vision Strategy

**UTC**: Urgent Treatment Centres

**WIC**: Walk In Centre

**WOPEC:** Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre