

## LOC HOT BRIEF

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*Dear Colleagues*

*LOC Hot Briefs contain guidance and advice from the Optical Confederation and LOCSU on important issues relevant to all ophthalmic contractors and performers, which we would like LOCs to be aware of or to take action on.*

***Any LOC requiring advice/support on any aspect of their work should contact LOCSU on 020 7549 2051 or email [info@locsu.co.uk](mailto:info@locsu.co.uk)***

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LOCs will be interested in some recent developments to drive forward the NHS [Five Year Forward View](#) that offer potential opportunities for community optics.

In January, the NHS invited individual organisations and partnerships to apply to become “vanguard” sites for the New Care Models Programme, one of the first steps towards delivering the Five Year Forward View and supporting improvement and integration of services. This week (10 March), the [first wave of 29 vanguard sites were chosen](#).

One of the four approaches being developed as part of the New Care Models Programme is that of Multispecialty Community Providers (MCPs).

LOCs are being asked to familiarise themselves with the latest developments from the NHS who aim to accelerate change in ways that can be replicated elsewhere. LOCs are also being urged to explore, in conjunction with Local Eye Health Networks and Local Professional Committees, the potential opportunities to develop optics as part of a New Care Model.

After a period of co-development with vanguard systems, the programme will be rolled out later this year, based on learning from, and in coordination with, other change programmes taking place in the NHS.

Although the NHS is no longer accepting further expressions of interest to join the vanguard programme, the New Care Models programme aims to support all those with an ambition to deliver care in new ways for patient benefit. The NHS intends to provide advice and support across as many local health economies committed to change as possible, and to encourage sustained transformation for improved outcomes and experience.

To do this, in addition to providing focused national support to the vanguard sites, as the first specific cohort of partners to test defined new care models, they will be working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a support package that will be available to other localities committed to and able to demonstrate capability to deliver the changes required.

#### **Further information**

More information about the New Care Models Programme can be found by following this link:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurehhs/5yfv-ch3/new-care-models/>

The page also includes help with a link to [frequently asked questions](#) and a dedicated email for more details about the vanguard programme: email [england.forwardview@nhs.net](mailto:england.forwardview@nhs.net)

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