



Abbreviations

ABDO: Association of British Dispensing Opticians

ACES: Anglia Community Eye Service – provider of NHS eye services

ACLM: Association of Contact Lens Manufacturers

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

CC2H: Care Closer to Home – an NHS initiative to provide local, community health care

CCG: Clinical Commissioning Group – NHS organisation now dissolved

CCT: Central corneal thickness

CET: Continuing Education and Training – now replaced by CPD

CES: Community Eye Care Services

CGPL: Clinical Governance Performance Lead

CGS: Community Glaucoma Service

Col: Conflict of Interest

CoO: College of Optometrists

CPD: Continuing Professional Development – mandatory ongoing education for GOC registrants

CPESX: Community Pharmacy Essex – Pharmacy Representative Committee

CUES: Community Urgent Eyecare Service

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 – previously Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)

DESP: Diabetes Eye Screening Programme

DHSC: Department of Health and Social Care

DNA: Did Not Attend

DoS: Directory of Services.

DRSS: Diabetic retinal screening service – sometimes known as DESP

DSPT: Data Security Protection Toolkit

ECL: Essex Cares Limited - Essex County Council Sensory Services

ECLO: Eye Clinic Liaison Officers

EDI: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

EOG: Expert Oversight Group

EOS: Enhanced Optical Services

EeRS: The Eye version of the NHS electronic-Referral Service (e-RS)

EPUT: Essex Partnership University Trust – provider of mental health and learning disability support in Essex

ESNEFT: East Suffolk and North East Foundation Trust. Combination of two hospitals of Ipswich and Colchester

ESO: Enhanced Services Optometrist

ESP: Enhanced Services Practitioner

FMO: Federation of Manufacturing Opticians

FODO: Federation of (Ophthalmic and Dispensing) Opticians – now known as The Association for Eye Care Providers

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulation (EU regs)

GERS: Glaucoma Enhanced Referral Service/Glaucoma Enhanced Case Finding Service

GIRFT: Getting it Right First Time

GMS: General Medical Services

GOC: General Optical Council

GOS: General Ophthalmic Services

GRR: Glaucoma Repeat Readings

HCQ: Hydroxychloroquine

HLOP: Healthy Living Optical Practice

HR: Human Resources

HWE: Herts and West Essex (ICB).

ICO: Information Commissioner's Office. Upholds information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals.

ICS: Integrated Care Systems. Partnerships that bring together providers and commissioners of NHS services across a geographical area with local authorities & other local partners to collectively plan health & care services to meet the local population's needs.

ICB: Integrated Care Board – NHS commissioning organisation

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.

IT: Information technology

KPI: Key Performance Indicators

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.

LMC: Local Medical Committee – representative organisation for GPs

LOC: Local Optical Committee

LOCSU: Local Optical Committee Support Unit

LPC: Local Pharmacy Committee now known as CPESX

MECS: Minor Eye Conditions Service

MEH: Moorfields Eye Hospital

MHRA: Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority

MIU: Minor Injuries Unit

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding.

MR: Medical Retina

MSE: Mid- and South- Essex

MSEFT: Mid- and South- Essex Foundation Trust

NDA: Non-disclosure agreement

NEE: Northeast Essex

NELFT: North East London Foundation Trust

NHSE: National Health Service England

NHS111: NHS telephone-based acute but non-emergency medical advice

NICE: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

NICS: North-East Essex Integrated Community Services

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

NOD: National Ophthalmology Database

ODS: Organisation Data Service. Unique NHS IT identifying code for a service provider.

OFNC: Optometric Fees Negotiating Committee

OPERA: PES patient management IT software for enhanced services

OPL: Optical Performers List – maintained by the NHS area team – contains names of all optical Performers and Contractors that practice in a given area.

OSCE: Objective Structured Clinical Examination.

PAH - Princes Alexander Hospital, Harlow,

PCC: Primary Care Centre - the eye clinic at HES Colchester

PCN: Primary Care Network

PCSE: Primary Care Support England

PEE: Primary Eyecare Essex

PES: Primary Eyecare Services

POCS: Post-Op Cataract Service

POM: Prescription Only Medicines

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

PSR: Provider Selection Regime. (New 12/21) Commissioning framework for local (GOS) services

PVS: Post Vision Service

QIO: Quality in Optometry – governance toolkit required for GOS contracts

QOF: Quality and Outcome Framework - system for performance management and payment of GPs in the NHS

RAS: Referral Assessment Services (RAS) destination where referrals are triaged in hospitals

RNIB: Royal National Institute for Blind people

S4S: Support 4 Sight one of four Essex charities

SCR: Summary Care Record. – basic patient records accessible by health practitioners

SNEE: Suffolk & Northeast Essex

SLA: Service Level Agreement

SRP: Service Restriction Policy - For example restricting cataract surgery by visual acuity

SUHFT: Southend University Hospital Foundation Trust – before merger with Broomfield

URN: Unique Reference Number

UTC: Urgent Treatment Centres

VR: Vitreo Retina

WIC: Walk In Centre

WNB: Was Not Brought

WOPEC: Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre