



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