

## LOC HOT BRIEF

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*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.*

*LOCs are asked to ensure that Hot Briefs are circulated to all contractors and performers in their area as soon as possible.*

**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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### PCSE Stakeholder Bulletin

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Please see <http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/optician-bulletin-january-2017/> for the latest bulletin that PCSE have sent out to ophthalmic contractors.

The bulletin contains an update on:

- Ophthalmic Payments
- Performers List
- Contacting PCSE

Contractors will see that the bulletin confirms PCSE will shortly return to individual processing for GOS 3 and 4 forms. Once this has been implemented, practices will receive itemised statements, allowing for easier reconciliation. The change will be rolled out in phases across the country starting February 2017.

The bulletin also confirms the GOS payment reconciliation exercise has started with a target completion date of end of March 2017. Once this has been completed a process for contractors to claim interest and charges associated with late payments will be implemented by NHS England.

Another key point in relation to the Performer's List is that PCSE are aiming to process the majority of applications from the September cohort (where they possess all the required information) by the end of January 2017.

Please note, the issue of compensation related to delays in processing Performers List applications is also being discussed with NHS England. More information will follow in due course.

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