

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

PCSE Stakeholder Bulletin

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

The key points to note from the bulletin:

1. Continuing Education and Training (CET) Grant claims

We are aware that some optometrists have not yet received payment for CET grant claims submitted to PCSE prior to the 31 October 2016 deadline. In view of this, NHS England have agreed to open a short window for unpaid claims to be resubmitted to PCSE for processing.

If you have not received payment for a CET grant claim submitted to PCSE prior to the 31 October 2016 deadline, please email PCSE.enquiries@nhs.net by **21 April 2017** marking 'CET payment' in the email subject line and attach a copy of your CET claim form. PCSE will process these claims as a priority and any outstanding grants will be paid in the next payment run for your area.

You are advised to keep a copy of the email you send to PCSE in case of any future queries.

2. Pre-registration training grants update

The updated position is PCSE have now received the list of 2016-17 pre-registration trainees from the College of Optometrists which will enable them to validate pre-registration training grant claims and process them for payment. Claims received to date in 2017 are currently being processed and forms **should not** need to be resubmitted.

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