

## 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)**

### Delayed GOS payments March 2018 – Part 1

PCSE have informed LOCSU and the Optical Confederation there has been a delay in processing some GOS payments this month due to the recent adverse weather. Payments for the areas listed below have already been processed and the extent of the delays have been confirmed. Discussions are taking place with NHS England and PCSE to ensure everything possible is being done to minimise the delays for the remainder of the March payments. Details of delays for other areas will be published later today.

Contractors in the affected areas should receive an email from their PCSE Regional Liaison Manager (RLM). Any contractors for whom the delayed payment will cause cashflow problems or financial hardship should contact their RLM to request an emergency payment.

Area	Working Days Late	In bank date	Regional Liaison Manager
Birmingham East & North 5PG	1	16/03	<a href="mailto:jonathangore@nhs.net">jonathangore@nhs.net</a>
Birmingham Heartlands 5MX			
Birmingham South 5M1			
Solihull 5QW			
Cambridge 5PP	1	16/03	<a href="mailto:paul.coppini@nhs.net">paul.coppini@nhs.net</a>
Gt Yarmouth and Waveney 5PR			
Norfolk 5PQ			
Peterborough 5PN			
Suffolk 5PT			

Area	Working Days Late	In bank date	Regional Liaison Manager
Hampshire 5QC	3	20/03	<a href="mailto:gill.appleby@nhs.net">gill.appleby@nhs.net</a>
Portsmouth 5FE			
Southampton 5L1			
Isle of Wight 5QT			
Nottingham County 5N8	3	20/03	<a href="mailto:robert.ramsden@nhs.net">robert.ramsden@nhs.net</a>
Nottingham City 5EM			
Bassetlaw 5ET			
Derby County 5N6	3	20/03	<a href="mailto:robert.ramsden@nhs.net">robert.ramsden@nhs.net</a>
Derby City 5N7			
West Sussex 5P6	3	21/03	<a href="mailto:clairehorner@nhs.net">clairehorner@nhs.net</a>
Dorset 5QM	3	21/03	<a href="mailto:millie.miller@nhs.net">millie.miller@nhs.net</a>
Bournemouth and Poole 5QN			
Bexley TAK	3	21/03	<a href="mailto:paul.coppini@nhs.net">paul.coppini@nhs.net</a>
Greenwich 5A8			
West Kent 5P9	3	22/03	<a href="mailto:clairehorner@nhs.net">clairehorner@nhs.net</a>
East & Coastal Kent 5QA			
Medway 5L3			

Clearly the absence of a robust Business Continuity plan to ensure payments would reach contractors on time is unacceptable and there will be a full analysis of this in due course. However, at this moment in time, the focus needs to be on getting payments to contractors.

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