

CET Claims

CET grant claims are now back open for the period between 1st Jan to 31st December 2017.

You can find out how with the [LOCSU June Hot Brief 72](#)

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If you have any issues then the LOC chair or secretary will be able to assist. Contact us on chair@teesloc.org.uk or secretary@teesloc.org.uk

Keratoconus patients (sight tests in community)

JCUH has suggested Eye examinations (or GOS sight tests where applicable) in community for keratoconus patient. Advice and guidance from JCUH Ophthalmology will be sought by Tees LOC.

Diabetic Eye Screening: Program

Please, remember the importance of diabetics having regular screening. Not only does this tell their GP about the impact on the patient's eyes, it also tells them how likely the patient is going to have microvascular changes in other organs of the body, such as the kidneys. So even if they have had retinal imaging done within your practice don't forget to recommend that they still attend at their DESP. This is a national scheme and a GOS sight test does not meet the requirements.

Guidance on fair wear and tear

It has been highlighted by the NHS PPV team that there have been some early issuing of fair wear and tear for adults. To avoid costly repayments please remember the criteria specified in making accurate claims which we attach in the text box.

Frank J Morton

It is with great sadness that we report that Frank Morton passed away peacefully at home on July 5th. He had a long career in Optics being registered as an Ophthalmic Optician since 1964. He had practices in Stockton and Ingleby Barwick until moving into Domiciliary Practice. He will be greatly missed by his peers and our condolences go out to his family.

From Making Accurate Claims

34. Fair Wear and Tear

- There is no statutory definition of fair wear and tear but spectacles for an adult are expected to last two years
- If you find an unchanged prescription in a child and give them a new voucher you should record the reason why in your records.

As a prescriber, you should use your judgement to determine whether a pair of spectacles needs to be replaced as a result of fair wear and tear. (In general, spectacles for an adult are expected to last for about two years. However, that is not a statutory limit.) You should only issue a voucher for new spectacles to the same prescription as the patient's existing spectacles (following a sight test), if you judge the patient's existing spectacles to be unserviceable through fair wear and tear (SEE ALSO 32. CONTACT LENSES, PAGE 32).

In the event of an unchanged prescription for a child, you will have to consider whether:

- The spectacles have become unserviceable due to fair wear and tear
- Or the child has outgrown them. In either case, you should issue a GOS 3 voucher.

The GOS 3 voucher should be marked to show that replacement spectacles have been issued.

The patient's record should contain the reason for the replacement.

How to get involved

If you are interested in helping out with your local optical committee please give your secretary an email at secretary@teesloc.org.uk to let them know. Our three monthly meetings are open and we will happily welcome you. Our next meetings are shown below:

Dates for your Diaries

<p>Proposed Meeting Dates for the next 12 months:</p> <p>Please add these dates to your diaries today.</p> <p>16th October 2018, 15th January 2019, 16th April 2019, 16th July 2019.</p> <p>These are held at 7pm at Low Vision Supplies, 176 Belasis Avenue, Billingham, TS23 1EY unless announced otherwise.</p>	<p>Proposed AGM date:</p> <p>Please add this to your diaries today.</p> <p>We plan to have the AGM on 21st May 2019 6pm start Venue to be confirmed</p>
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Kind regards

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