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Deprivation and the location of primary care optometry services in England

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Comment

Primary care optometrists offer NHS sight tests under the General Ophthalmic Service (GOS), or private eye examinations, and increasingly in the past two decades also provide wider NHS services, typically as part of local commissioning in England, or, for example, within an enhanced GOS in Scotland. Plans for transformation in ophthalmology make recommendations for greater use of primary care, provided from either independent practices or chains of multiple optometric practices. The College of Optometrists and The Royal College of Ophthalmologists joint statement “our vision for safe and sustainable patient eye care services” recommends that integrated pathways should include optometrists as first contact practitioners for: urgent eye care; referral triage/advice and guidance; primary care-based management for new, low risk patients; and primary care-based management for follow up of patients with long term low risk conditions [1].

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