

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

Accessible Information Standard

The Optical Confederation has produced guidance on the NHS Accessible Information Standard (AIS) which is required to be implemented by optical practices from 31st July 2016 onwards.

The AIS sets out a specific consistent approach to identifying, recording, flagging, sharing and meeting information and communication support needs for NHS providers. This includes GOS, domiciliary and other community eye health services providers.

The Optical Confederation guidance has been produced with input from NHS England and sets out what community optical practices need to do to comply fully with the AIS. It is in three sections:

Part 1 – Explaining the Standard

Part 2 – Implementing the Standard

Part 3 – Additional resources and support.

This guidance will be updated as and when NHS England publish additional advice. The guidance can be accessed here:

<http://www.opticalconfederation.org.uk/downloads/accessibleinfoguidanceopticalconfedjuly16.pdf>

Optical Confederation contacts are included within the guidance.

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