

LOC HOT BRIEF

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GOS forms – stock availability

PCSE has been advised that third party suppliers currently have limited supply or are out of stock of GOS 1, GOS 3 and GOS 4 forms. As an interim measure, NHS England has agreed that practices can photocopy the current forms. Photocopies can be colour or black and white and should be double-sided.

NHS England has advised that stocks of the new forms are anticipated to be available for PCSE to deliver in June.

Up-to-date information on the availability of these items will be posted on the [PCSE website](#).

Urgent queries regarding out of stock items should be emailed directly to NHS England at ENGLAND.SMTinfo@nhs.net.

Update on the development of electronic GOS claims systems

PCSE have announced that the go live date for the new electronic options for submitting and managing the progress of GOS claims is to be rescheduled.

It was hoped to have these online solutions ready for use in June 2018, after extensive testing. However, although a lot of good progress has been made, further testing is needed to assure ophthalmic stakeholders and providers that the system can be launched successfully.

As a result, the Ophthalmic Project Board has now recommended that the June go-live date will be re-scheduled. The revised go-live date is expected to be in late summer and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Meanwhile it is expected that new style GOS paper forms will be introduced in late 2018 or early 2019; timings will be communicated once agreed by all parties.

PCSE Optician's Bulletin – May 2018

[The May 2019 PCSE Optician's Bulletin is now available on the PCSE website.](#)

The latest briefing from PCSE contains a range of information including details of a new web-based Pre-Visit Notification (PVN) form for domiciliary visits which will be launched soon and a reminder that all **practices need to register with PCSE Online to enable you to contact PCSE with queries and to ensure you receive regular communications and updates from PCSE.**

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