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Dear David,

GOS fees and associated payments for 23/24

I am writing to you about the NHS sight test, continuing education and training fee and the pre-registration trainers' payment for 2023/24, following the consultation that has taken place between the OFNC and NHS England.

We acknowledge increasing costs associated with providing the NHS sight test and on that basis Ministers have agreed to increase the NHS sight test fee by 4.5% from 1st April 2023. This would increase the current fee from £22.14, to £23.14.

For domiciliary sight tests the additional fees become:

£40.80 (from £39.04) for the first and second sight test; and
£10.21 (from £9.77) for the third and subsequent sight test.

In respect of the payment made to supervisors of pre-registration trainees, an increase of 4.5% will be implemented, which would mean the payment would increase to £4,010 from 1st April 2023.

Finally, there will be a freeze to the payment made for continuing education and training, maintaining the payment at £596. This would be for CET undertaken in 2022 and would be claimable between 3rd July and 3rd November 2023.

We will write to you separately in due course to consult on the directions needed to implement the new NHS sight test fees and the CET payment.

Yours sincerely,

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