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Optometry Wales Welcomes Conclusion of Successful Negotiations.

Optometry Wales is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the 2025/26 contract negotiations with the Welsh Government and NHS Wales. This collaborative process marks another significant step forward in enhancing eye care services across Wales.

Since the introduction of the new optometry contract, Optometry Wales has worked closely with the Welsh Government and NHS Wales. The conclusion of this year's negotiations has led to increased support, particularly focused on core clinical services provided by primary care optometry practices located in communities and in a domiciliary setting.

The negotiations for this year also include optometry aligning with other primary care professions in respect of providing assurance to NHS Wales on Information Governance to further support patients being discharged from secondary care hospitals to primary care optometry.

Optometry Wales and Welsh Government have long championed the ability of optometrists and dispensing opticians to deliver high-quality services in their local communities. This new investment comes two years after significant reforms to optometry services in Wales and the implementation of the new optometry contract, underlining the Welsh Government's commitment to addressing the growing demand on hospital eye services, and the available skills within the optometry and dispensing optician workforce.

The negotiated fees and additional support will empower community optometrists and dispensing opticians to operate at the top of their license, ensuring that Wales remains a leader in clinical service delivery and continues to drive reform within the UK whilst reducing hospital waiting lists and improving access to services.

Over the past 12 months, Optometry Wales has actively engaged in constructive dialogue and collaboration with NHS Wales and the Welsh Government to advance optometry contract reform. The outcome of this year's negotiations guarantees further support for all

service providers, ensuring NHS eye care services can be provided closer to home by highly skilled optometrists and dispensing opticians.

Optometry Wales looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Welsh Government and NHS Wales, embracing regular engagement through meetings to address key issues affecting the profession in Wales.

As the representative body for optometrists and dispensing opticians, Optometry Wales encourages all members of the profession to engage with their regional optometric committees. This interaction is vital to ensure that ongoing discussions reflect the diverse and progressive workforce throughout Wales.

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