

Community Partnership Programme +



Join our community based post-operative
accredited programme for opticians

Newmedica

Eye Health Clinics + Surgical Centres

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The foundation of Newmedica was built on personal experience, so we believe in working with the local community in order to put patients at the centre of their ophthalmology journey.

Newmedica entered into a contract with Primary Eye Care Services for the provision of post-operative cataract appointments to be performed by accredited optometrists in the local community from where the patient was referred. All patients who have been referred to one of the Newmedica surgical centres will be returned to the care of the optometry practice that referred them.

If the optometry practice has joined the Newmedica Community Partnership Programme, and the patient wishes, the accredited optometrist in that practice can perform the post-operative cataract review alongside an eye test and dispense, if required. The practice will receive a post-surgical fee for each review they complete, as part of the patient care pathway.

Once signed up the optometry practice will be given access to an electronic processing system by Primary Eye Care Services.

What we need from you:

- Post-operative appointments to be completed within four to six weeks of discharge by Newmedica.
- Community optometry practices to provide outcome data within 72 hours of the post-operative appointment being concluded.



Benefits of being a member of the Newmedica Community Partnership Programme

- Patients will only require one post-operative appointment per eye which combines the post-operative check and an eye test.
- Ophthalmologists work together with the local optometrists and optometry practices to provide a joined-up pathway of care.
- An electronic trail of the patient's post-cataract pathway providing a robust clinical governance process.
- An electronic record of which optometry practices have joined the programme to perform post-operative cataract reviews to ensure patients are seen by an accredited optometrist.
- Automatic electronic payment process for the optometry practice.
- An electronic processing system for post-operative review requests and returns.
- Members of the Newmedica Community Partnership Programme will be one of the first to know about local CET events and lectures by Newmedica ophthalmologists.
- Dedicated helpline providing support for signing up and any further processing queries.



How to sign up

If you are interested in signing up to our Community Partnership Programme, or you just want more information, please speak to your local Newmedica surgical centre, details of which can be found on our website, [newmedica.co.uk](https://www.newmedica.co.uk)

To ensure patient safety, any practice (or optometrist) wishing to carry out the post-operative assessments will be required to complete a small amount of training and pass our compliance checks.

These include:

- WOPEC level 1 cataract module.
- Quality in Optometry level 1 and NHS standard contract for the practice.
- Completion of the DOCET Safeguarding training level 2 - children and adults.
- Evidence of an up-to-date enhanced DBS check.

If you already perform other 'Enhanced Optical Services' it is highly likely you already have all these steps completed.

