

NHS Restructure

The joining of NHS England and NHS Improvement creates seven “single integrated regional teams”. There will also be “increased integration and alignment of national programmes and activities”. A 25% reduction in costs anticipated.

NHS England and NHS Improvement South East is one of the seven regional teams in England. Covering the counties of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Within each region STPs will be supported to become **Integrated Care Systems (ICS)**.

In an integrated care system, NHS organisations, in partnership with local councils and others, take collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering NHS standards, and improving the health of the population they serve.

An ICS may have one or more **Integrated Care Partnerships** and cover multiple CCGs. Where possible, commissioning will happen within these partnerships across the health and care system.

At a local level, the NHS LTP introduced **Primary Care Networks** – bringing primary care together to service a local population of 30,000 – 50,000, with a view to improving out of hospital care. The PCNs are the building blocks of the ICS.

LOCSU provide advice and support for all matters affecting Local Optical Committees and their Primary Eyecare Companies.

Going forward, three **LOCSU Optical Leads** will cover the South (East and West). So far we have appointed Amar Shar and Max Halford. Introductions will be made later in June.

Key points for 2018/19:

- **Fast-track resolution of PCSE issues** – 100s of individual cases on behalf of the sector.
- **WOPEC** – modules refreshed and new modules in development to provide readily-available CPD to your members and quality assurance for the PEC.
- **QiO** – is vital for assisting contractors to meet their GOS and Standard contract requirements. We work closely with NHS England to improve contract compliance. QiO now includes a checklist for NHSmail.
- **Pathways** – Refreshed pathways for 2019, updated to meet national policy and clinical guidance. New pathways to meet sector need. An over-arching framework document will describe the comprehensive offering from Primary Care optical practice.
- **DVLA tender** – thanks to all practices who provided an expression of interest. We had good representation across England, Wales and Scotland.