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FEE INCREASE CONFIRMED FOR SCOTTISH OPTOMETRISTS

Scotland's optometrists will benefit from a 3 per cent eye examination fee increase from February, Optometry Scotland has confirmed.

The milestone announcement follows ongoing talks with the Scottish Government, and marks the first major review of the Scottish General Ophthalmic Services Contract (GOS) which was introduced in 2006.

The GOS contract brought free eyecare to Scotland and marked the dawn of more comprehensive eye examinations and treatments being offered in the community.

In addition to the fee increase, the Scottish Government and Optometry Scotland are aiming to put in place a formal process for annual remuneration reviews.

David Quigley, Chair of Optometry Scotland, said: "We welcome the announcement of a three per cent increase to GOS fees and look forward to establishing an annual review process. These are significant developments which acknowledge the excellent service provided by community eyecare colleagues across Scotland.

"We have campaigned for an increase and implementation of a sustainable funding model to safeguard and enhance the future of community optometry, and thanks to a strong working relationship and ongoing constructive dialogue with the Scottish Government we are pleased to see this come to fruition."

Full details of the fee revisions have been published in a PCA released by the Scottish Government's Directorate of Primary Care.

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About Optometry Scotland

Optometry Scotland is a non-profit making organisation established to develop and represent the views of the entire Optometry sector of Optometrists, Dispensing Opticians and Optical Bodies Corporate to the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Government Health Directorates and other relevant stakeholders.

Our aim is to develop, maintain and promote a world class eye health and primary eyecare service for the people of Scotland.