

Consultation on Welsh Language Scheme
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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on HPC Welsh Language Scheme

Thank you for the invitation to respond to your consultation on the HPC's Welsh Language Scheme.

We welcome the HPC's introduction of a Welsh Language Scheme and support the main principle of treating the languages on the basis of equality.

The draft scheme will improve the HPC's services to the Welsh-speaking public while remaining proportionate.

In November 2009 we launched our own Welsh Language Scheme. The actions we have taken under the scheme include translating a number of publications and launching a dedicated Welsh section of our website. This contains the following information in Welsh:

- Our Welsh Language Scheme
- Our core functions and the booklet 'About Us'
- How to complain about an optician
- Our Codes of Conduct
- Our annual reports since 2008/9
- Our strategic plan for 2010-15
- A guide to searching our registers
- Our contact details and how to access our office

Overall the draft HPC scheme looks proportionate, effective and realistic. We welcome its introduction and wish you luck with the implementation.

Yours faithfully

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