

GOC response to NMC Welsh Language Scheme consultation

1. The draft scheme is clear

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you have disagreed, please tell us why. There is a limit of 350 words.

2. The draft scheme is easy to understand

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you have disagreed, please tell us why. There is a limit of 350 words.

3. Is there anything else you think should be included in the scheme?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you have answered 'yes' please tell us what else we should include in the Scheme.
There is a limit of 350 words

4 Are there any parts of the draft Scheme that you disagree with?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you have answered 'yes' please give reasons for your answer. There is a limit of 350 words.

5. Are there any parts of the scheme that you feel are particularly positive? (There is a limit of 350 words)

We welcome the NMC'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 NMC'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 NMC scheme looks proportionate, effective and realistic. We welcome its introduction and wish you luck with the implementation.

6. Do you have any other comments to make about the draft Scheme? (There is a limit of 350 words)