

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

Service Specification No.	01-MRFH-0026
Service	Orthoptist led vision screening programme to all children aged 4 to 5 Pan Dorset
Commissioner Lead	Clinical Commissioning Programme for Maternity, Reproduction and Family Health
Provider Lead	
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1. Population Needs

1.1 National/local context and evidence base

- Universal screening was historically provided by Health Visiting at 3.5 years of age, and then on entry to school by School Nursing. However the Hall Report in 2003 recommended that examination of all children should be undertaken between 4 and 5 years of age by Orthoptists to improve the sensitivity and specificity of testing.
- Evidence for screening: UKNSC Policy Recommendations and Guidance: www.screening.nhs.uk
- The last review completed by The UK National Screening Committee during December 2013 recommended that screening of children’s eyes should continue to be offered to all children aged 4-5 years, and the service should be organised and led by specialists (orthoptists).
- The Department of Health (DoH) Healthy Child Programme outlines recommendations regarding vision screening. For primary school aged children: at or around the time of school entry every child should have a vision test performed to prescribed guidelines.

2. Outcomes

2.1 NHS Outcomes Framework Domains & Indicators

Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely	
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions	*
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill-health or following injury	
Domain 4	Ensuring people have a positive experience of care	*
Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm	*

2.2 Local defined outcomes

- Pan Dorset population coverage ensuring screening is offered to all reception children attending both state and independent schools and provide parents or guardians with good information to ensure informed choice.
- Ensure appropriate advice about accessing screening options are offered to all parents of reception aged children not on a school roll.

- Detection of children with visual impairment.
- Reduction of disability and improved outcomes in children with visual impairment.

3. Scope

3.1 Aims and objectives of service

- To provide a high quality Orthoptist led vision screening programme to all children pan Dorset aged 4 to 5 which meets the recommendations of the UK National Screening Committee (UKNSC) and the Healthy Child Programme.
- The provider will ensure that an appropriately trained vision screener visits all defined schools pan Dorset for NHS Dorset CCG on a rolling annual basis to undertake vision screening of all children in the reception year.

The service will:

- Ensure screening is offered to all reception children attending both state and independent schools and provide parents or guardians with information to ensure informed choice. See appendix one for list of schools included.
- Ensure appropriate advice about accessing screening and options for screening are offered to parents of reception aged children not on a school roll.
- Ensure standardised communication of results/status to parents.
- Ensure onward referral as appropriate.
- All abnormalities found to be offered referral for further assessment and treatment where necessary at the nearest Orthoptic Department to where the child lives.
- Any child who is absent on the day of testing will be offered an appointment at their nearest Orthoptic Department, it will be up to the parent/carer of each child to pursue this opportunity. No responsibility will be borne by the Provider if this opportunity is not taken up.
- To collect and provide information relating to uptake of screens, outcomes and onward referrals (for treatment) from the services provided.

3.2 Service description/care pathway

The provision of vision screening as part of the Healthy Child Programme and as recommended by the UK National Screening Committee.

The service to be offered will include:

- All reception age children (age 4-5 years) attending state and independent schools in the defined schools pan Dorset for NHS Dorset CCG to be offered vision screening in the school setting during the academic year of their intake.
- All reception age home-schooled children to be offered options for screening.
- All parents/guardians must be informed about the purpose of vision screening.
- Visual acuity will be tested with a linear crowded logMAR letter test. A referral criterion for the test is set as 0.2.
- All children with abnormalities identified during screening to be offered referral for further assessment and treatment where necessary at the nearest NHS Orthoptic department to where the child lives.
- Any child missing the screening session in their school will be given contact details and may choose to organise an assessment during the academic year.
- The provider must ensure that all staff delivering any element of the screening programme is aware of and complies with the provider organisation's safety, confidentiality and safeguarding policies which will reflect all appropriate legislation.

- The provider will have appropriate failsafe mechanisms in place across the whole screening pathway and a policy, which has been agreed with the commissioner, relating to defining and dealing with adverse events.
- In the event of a serious adverse event, the provider shall inform the commissioner within 24 hours of the circumstances and provide all reasonable assistance to the commissioner in investigating and dealing with the incident.
- The provider will be able to demonstrate that written procedures and protocols are in place to ensure best practice is consistently applied to all elements of the screening programme.
- The provider will ensure consistency of procedures and protocols across all screening sites, including policies for onward referral to clinical services.
- The provider will ensure that there are adequate numbers of appropriately trained staff in place to deliver the screening programme.
- In the case where the service is delivered by vision screeners, in circumstances where cases are borderline, additional tests by the orthoptist may be required in a hospital setting following an appropriate referral.
- The provider will be responsible for the employment, line management, clinical supervision and disciplinary procedures of workers, including the responsibility for ensuring that they have a current disclosure and barring check.
- The provider will provide appropriate cover in the event of any continuous absence by the appointed workers.
- The provider will have appropriate arrangements in place for the oversight of the clinical management and governance of the service provided.
- The provider should ensure that there is regular monitoring and audit of the screening programme and that, as part of organisation's Clinical Governance arrangements, the organisation's Board are assured of the quality of the screening programme.
- The provider will ensure that appropriate equipment is available and will work with individual schools to identify an appropriate room / space where screening can be undertaken whilst maintaining the rights and dignity of children.
- Reception aged children who are identified as having a suspected eye defect at school vision screening will be referred to secondary care by the Vision Screener; a copy of the referral being sent to the GP; a copy of findings to the school nurse and the parents of the child.
- The service will operate in line with school opening hours, and within term time.

Reports and information:

- Results of screening to be forwarded to parents for insertion in the Parent Held Record, and to the named school nurse for the individual school for filing in the school health record.
- On completion of each school, the provider to notify each named School Nurse of any child not included in the screening programme and reason why.
- An academic school term report (x3) to be provided by the provider for the commissioners on uptake and outcomes from the services provided

3.3 Population Covered

All children aged 4-5 registered in a Dorset based school. See appendix one for full details

3.4 Any acceptance and exclusion criteria.

- The provider will be able to demonstrate what systems are in place to ensure equity of access to screening and subsequent diagnostic testing. This will include, for

example, how the services are designed to ensure that there are no obstacles to access and informed consent, on the grounds of race, culture, gender, physical or learning disabilities.

- Any school age children not attending reception year at the schools listed in appendix one.
- Any child already known to hospital Orthoptic services and receiving an ongoing package of Orthoptic care.

3.5 Interdependence with other services/providers

- Adult Ophthalmology
- Screening services

4. Applicable Service Standards

4.1 Applicable national standards (eg NICE)

- The provider should comply with any applicable national standards e.g. NICE, Royal College, National Screening committee, British and Irish Orthoptic Society and any other national prevailing guidance
- The provider will comply with safeguarding policies and good practice recommendations for all children.

4.2 Applicable standards set out in Guidance and/or issued by a competent body (e.g. Royal Colleges)

- The screening will consist of a linear crowded logMAR letter test.
- The service should be delivered in line with guidance and standards issued by the British and Irish Orthoptic Society, Health and Care Professions Council and any other relevant national prevailing professional guidance.

4.3 Applicable local standards

The service will be delivered in line with the NHS Standard contract 2015/16

5. Applicable quality requirements and CQUIN goals

5.1 Applicable quality requirements (See Schedule 4 Parts A-D)

5.2 Applicable CQUIN goals (See Schedule 4 Part E)

6. Location of Provider Premises

The Provider's Premises are located at:

7. Individual Service User Placement

Appendix One – Orthoptist led vision screening programme to all children aged 4-5 Pan Dorset –
Schools list

Bournemouth	
Avonwood	Parkfield
Christ the King	Pokesdown
Corpus Christi	Queens Park
Elm Academy	St Clements and St John
Epiphany	St James
Heathlands	St Katharines
Hill View	St Lukes
Jewell Academy	St Marks
Kings Park	St Michaels
Kingsleigh	St Peters
Kinson	St Walburgas
Malmesbury Park	Stourfield
Moordown St John	Switched on Christian
Muscliffe	Winton

Poole	
Ad Astra	Manorside
Bearwood	Merley
Bishop Aldhelms	Old Town
Broadstone	Springdale
Canford Heath	St Josephs Poole
Courthill	St Marys Poole
Hamworthy	Stanley Green
Heatherlands	Sylvan

Hillbourne	Talbot Combined
Lilliput	Turlin Moor
Longfleet	

East Dorset	
Bere Regis	St Catherines (Colehill)
Bovington	St Georges Langton Matravers
Burton	St Ives
Christchurch	St James (Alderholt)
Colehill	St James (Gaunts Common)
Corfe Castle	St Johns Wimborne
Cranbourne	St Josephs (Xch)
Ferndown	St Marys (Swanage)
Hampreston	St Marys (West Moors)
Hayeswood	St Marys (Wool)
Henbury View	Stoborough
Highcliffe St Marks	Sturminster Marshall
Hillside	Swanage
Wareham St Marys	Swanage St Marks
Lytchett Matravers	Three Legged Cross
Mudford	Trinity
Oakhurst	Upton
Pamphill	Verwood
Parley	West Lulworth
Priory	Wimborne
Rushcombe	Wimborne St Giles

Sandford St Martins	Witchampton
Sixpenny Handley	Wool
Somerford	

West Dorset	
Beaminster	
Broadwindsor	Salway Ash
Greenford	St Marys Beaminster
Parrett & Axe	Sticklands
Blandford	
Archbishop Wake	Milldown
Blandford St Mary	Pimperne
Downlands	Spetisbury Hall & Sloper's
Durweston	The Dunbary School
Bridport	
Briport	Powerstock
Bridport St Marys	St Catherines Bridport
Burton Bradstock	Symondsbury
Loders	Thorner's
Chesil	
Beechcroft St Paul's	Southill
Bincombe Valley	St Andrew's
Chickerell	St Augustine's
Holy Trinity	St George's Portland
IPACA – Southwell	St John's Weymouth
IPACA - Osprey Quay	St Nicholas & St Laurence

Portesham	The Conifers
Radipole	Wyke Regis
Dorchester	
Broadmayne	Piddle Valley
Cerne Abbas	Puddletown
Cheselbourne	St Mary's Catholic
Damers	St Mary's
Frome Valley	The Prince of Wales
Manor Park	Winterbourne Valley
Milborne St Andrew	
Gillingham	
Gillingham	St Mary's Catholic
Milton on Stour	St Mary the Virgin
St George's	Stower Provost
St Gregory's	Wkye Primary
Lyme Regis	
Charmouth	St Michael's Lyme Regis
Marshwood	Thorncombe St Mary's
Shaftesbury	
Motcombe	Shaftesbury
St Andrew's	The Abbey
Sherbourne	
All Saints	St Andrew's Yetminster
Buckland Newton	St Mary's Bradford Abbas
Sherborne Abbey	Thornford
Sherborne	Trent Young's Endowed

Sturminster Newton	
Hazelbury Bryan	St Nicholas Child Okeford
Okeford Fitzpaine	Stalbridge
Shillingstone	William Barnes

Independent	
Bournemouth Collegiate	Sherborne Prep
Buckholme Towers	St Martins
Castle Court	St Thomas Garnets
Dumpton	Sunninghill Prep
Clayesmore	Talbot Heath
Knighton House	Talbot House
Leweston	Thornlow Prep
Park Prep	Yarrells
Port Regis	