

## AUTUMN STATEMENT AND SPENDING REVIEW 2015

### GOS

- Five new devolution economies building on “Devo Manc” - Sheffield, North East, Tees Valley, Liverpool and West Midlands (could include GOS)
- Work towards further devolution deals with other major city regions (could include GOS)
- By September 2018, 80% of clinicians in primary, urgent and emergency care will have digital access to key patient information (could include community optical practices)
- By 2020 integrated care records will give every health and care professional concerned with an individual’s care the information they need to provide safe and prompt care (could include community optical practices)
- Expanding the number of patients booking their GP appointments online (with 20% of patients using online GP services by 2018) and moving to fully electronic referrals (could include community optical practices)
- 1% public sector pay limit for four financial years 2016-20 confirmed (includes GOS)
- NHS still to find £22bn efficiency savings by 2020 (could include GOS).

### OPTICAL BUSINESSES

- Councils to be able to set and retain (by 2020) 100% of business rate revenues
- 405,000 of the smallest businesses to continue to receive 100% relief from business rates and further 200,000 at a sliding scale
- Elected city-wide mayors to be able to add a premium to business rates to pay for new infrastructure, provided they have the support of the local business community through a majority of business members of their Local Enterprise Partnership
- As part of “Devo Manc” the Greater Manchester Mayor is to have powers to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy
- Doubling of apprenticeships funding to £3bn by the end of the Parliament for 3 million new apprenticeships over the period part-funded, as previously announced, by a 0.5% apprenticeship levy from 2017-18 on employers with payroll over £3m, this in turn partly offset by a £15,000 grant per apprenticeship to levy paying business.

### **The NHS**

- NHS funding to increase by 3.3% in real terms by 2020
- NHS capital budget to remain unchanged at £4.8bn per annum (including to shift in the way urgent and emergency care services are provided and to deliver more care closer to home)
- NHS to sell £2bn of land to build 26,000 houses
- Nurse training grants to be replaced with loans and cap on nurse student numbers removed
- £2bn to be saved from the drugs bill by reducing wastage (£1 billion) and bulk buying (£1 billion).

### **SOCIAL CARE**

- NHS and social care to continue to be integrated with only integration plans having access to funding through the £1.5bn (by 2020) Better Care Fund
- The government will integrate health and social care services by 2020 - each part of the country will develop plans for this by 2017
- Councils to be able to precept an additional 2% on council tax bills for social care – central government grant to be abolished
- The government will consult on options to fully fund local authorities' public health spending from their retained business rates receipts, as part of the move towards 100% business rate retention.

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The Optical Confederation is a coalition of the five optical representative bodies: the Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ABDO); the Association of Contact Lens Manufacturers (ACLM); the Association of Optometrists (AOP); the Federation of Manufacturing Opticians (FMO) and the Federation of Opticians (FODO). As a Confederation, we work with others to improve eye health for the public good.