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Dear Julie,

Thank you for your email dated 10 November on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED], asking for clarification as to whether children aged between 16 and 18 and who are educated from home are entitled to free eye tests.

Guidance on the eligibility for free NHS sight tests for this category of persons has been updated. The Welsh Government has recognised that elective home education for persons aged 16, 17 or 18 is comparable to a school, college or university, solely for the purpose of sight testing and optical vouchers. Accordingly, persons in this age category who are educated from home are entitled to a free NHS sight test and, if necessary, optical vouchers for help towards the cost of glasses. A person wishing to claim a free test under these criteria is required to provide proof of date of birth or child benefit award notice to the treating optometrist. The optometrist ought to accept proof of evidence and declaration of home education in good faith and provide the service.

A copy of the guidance sent to Optometrists and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners can be found at <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/docmetadata.cfm?orgid=735&id=246420>

I hope this clarifies the position for you.

Best wishes,
Mark

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