

# Policy on the supply of Plano, Novelty and Coloured Contact Lenses

1. Plano, novelty and coloured contact lenses (lenses) must only be supplied directly to members of the public by licensed Optical Dispensers or registered Optometrists.
2. Suppliers of lenses must ensure that all purchasers are provided with the written health warnings set out in the attached client Information Sheet at the point of sale.
3. Suppliers of lenses must ensure that all purchasers are provided with sufficient information about safe use. In particular, they must:
  - Be satisfied that the purchaser is over the age of eighteen, or has the permission of their parent or guardian to purchase the product
  - Draw the customer's attention to the written warnings that must be supplied with the lenses
  - Give instructions to the purchaser about the proper method of insertion and removal of the lenses
  - Give instructions about the cleaning and storing of the lenses. This includes ensuring that the purchaser has the correct equipment and products to properly clean and store the lenses
  - Inform them about the life of the cleaning and storing solution.
  - Make enquiries as to the existence of a pre-existing health or eye condition that might increase the risk of injury.
  - If the enquiry indicates that the purchaser may have any of the conditions listed in the written "WARNING", the supplier must not supply the lenses unless satisfied that a medical practitioner, a qualified medical ophthalmic practitioner or registered optometrist has been consulted and has approved the use of the lenses.
4. Suppliers of lenses shall exercise their discretion not to dispense lenses to any person who appears to have a contrary indication.



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