



## Map Reveals Distribution of LOCSU Core Pathways in England

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The core LOCSU pathways focus on access to urgent eye care (MECS & CUES), end to end cataract care and glaucoma referral filtering and could be considered as the 'foundation' pathways on which to build a more comprehensive service.

The map on the next page illustrates the distribution of services across England in September 2022:

- 35% of places (based on 2021/22 CCG footprints) have commissioned all the core pathways. They are coloured green on the map – those coloured dark green have additional pathways beyond the core pathways named above\*
- A staggering 98% of place-based commissioners have commissioned at least one of LOCSU's core pathways with only 2% having yet to commission a service from primary eye care
- 63% of places have more than one of the core pathways, but not all, shown as amber on the map. It should be noted that the majority have a cataract service but not the full end-to-end pathway, as described by LOCSU

NHS England has confirmed that an expanded role of Primary Eye Care is a critical part of the proposed model to transform eyecare pathways, learning from the early adopters of Optometry First is expected to be integrated into that model on a regional basis.

### **Zoe Richmond, LOCSU Clinical Director said**

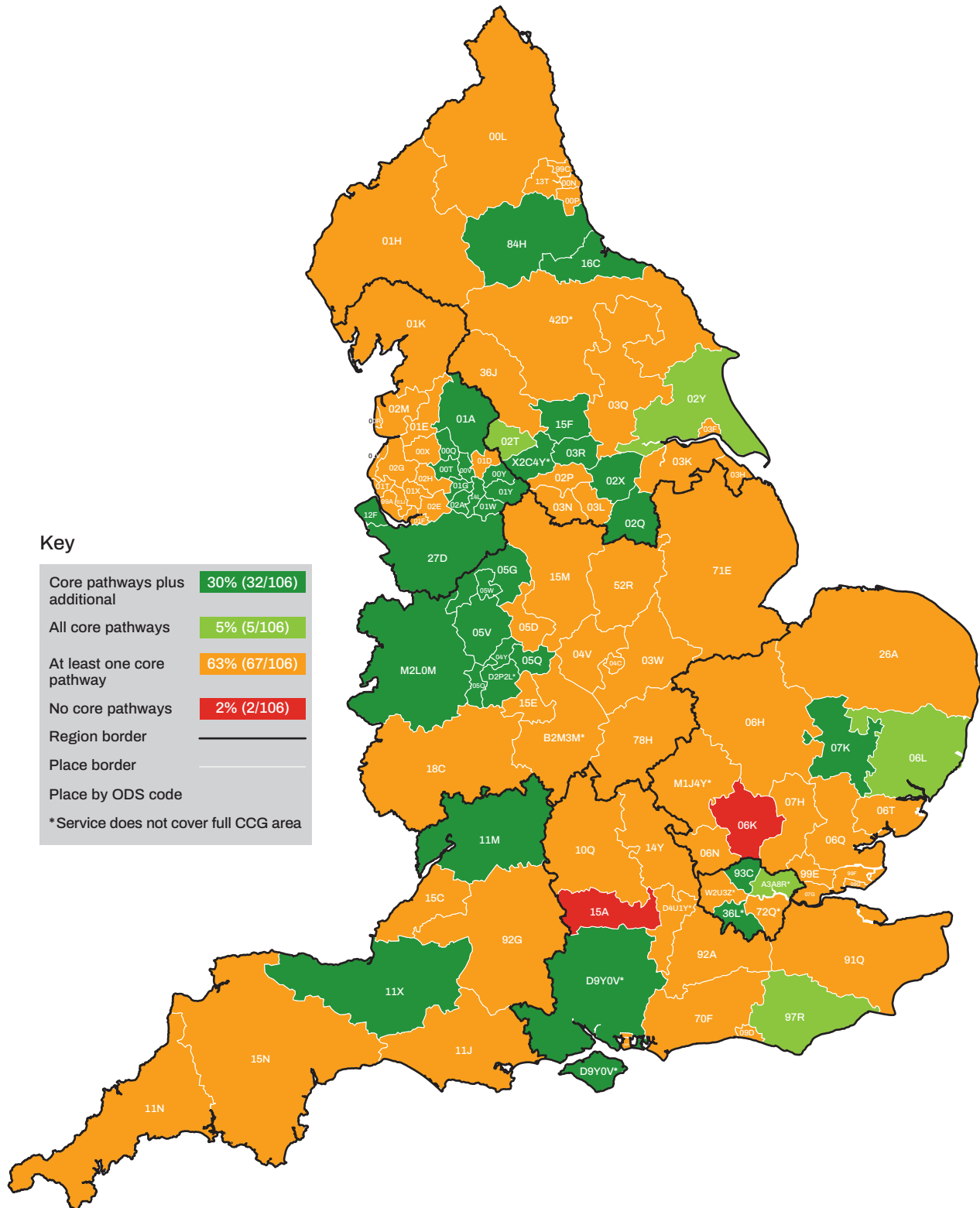
*"The core pathways utilise core competency and can be delivered from every optometric practice, delivering urgent care, a streamlined care pathway for cataract and simple repeat readings for glaucoma."*

See simplified map on the following page or [click here](#) to see the detailed version.

\* Additional pathways include, maculopathy referral filtering and monitoring, glaucoma referral refinement, children's vision, low vision, or enhanced eye care for people with learning disabilities.



## Distribution of Services Across England



Note: Within this piece, we have classed glaucoma repeat readings as a core service. Glaucoma enhanced case finding, and glaucoma monitoring are additional pathways.