

**PQ 131207 asked on 6 March 2018 by Norman Lamb, MP (North Norfolk).
Answered on 12 March by Caroline Dinenage MP, Minister of State,
Department for Health and Social Care**

Health Professions

Q: To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2017 to Question 9019, what plans he has to meet with the Allied Health Professionals Federation on allied health professionals in leadership roles in the NHS?

A: The role that allied health professionals and other clinicians play in National Health Service leadership is of utmost importance and we engage with a range of professions to understand how best to support clinical leaders. My hon. Friend, the former Minister of State (Mr Phillip Dunne MP), met the Allied Health Professionals Federation on 29 November 2017.

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Social Care**

Spectacles: Prescriptions

Q: To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of allowing orthoptists to sign hospital eye service spectacle prescriptions in order to improve and streamline eye care.

A: No assessment has been made of the merits of allowing orthoptists to sign hospital eye service spectacle prescriptions. The Opticians Act 1989 sets out who may carry out a sight test and sign a spectacle prescription form. This is restricted under the Act to optometrists registered with the General Optical Council and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners registered with the General Medical Council.