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FREE SPECTACLES FOR CHILDREN

The GHA is pleased to announce the commencement of a new programme which will fund spectacles for children of 16 years of age and under.

The Government's initiative to provide funding for this programme will benefit approximately 600 children and their families.

Following an eye examination by a GHA prescribing practitioner or a GHA-approved private prescribing practitioner, patients will present the prescription to the GHA Accounts Section. Approved prescribing practitioners include eligible local practising ophthalmologists and optometrists. A voucher will be provided by the GHA to the abovementioned dispensing Opticians to supply the spectacles.

The Minister for Health, Yvette Del Agua, has said: "in keeping with another Government Manifesto Commitment, I am delighted to announce the commencement of the free spectacles for children programme. This initiative will serve to alleviate many families from the financial burden of purchasing spectacles and lenses for their children. This programme is yet another example of this Government's ongoing dedication and commitment towards the enhancement of healthcare in Gibraltar. In keeping with my budget announcement this year, applications will be back-dated to the 1 July 2010".

For further information and assistance, please contact the GHA Accounts Section at St Bernard's Hospital on Tel 200 72266.