

To: All NI GOS Contractors

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Dear Contractor,

Practice Allowance

As in the previous two years the HSCB is again in a position to offer a Practice Allowance. This is in recognition of the further developments in Ophthalmic Services and e Health initiatives which have required Ophthalmic contractors to commit further resources to practice administration. The Practice Allowance may be paid to each practice that meets the requirements of the scheme as laid out below.

The Practice Allowance for this year, 2021/22, will be **£255** for each practice and Contractors **must apply for it by 29th April 2022**. Please read this letter and return the enclosed application form in order to be allocated this financial support.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the allowance the contractor must:

1. Submit the enclosed Practice Allowance Application Form to HSCB by **29th April 2022**.
2. Submit the annual HSCB Optometry Practice Quality Assurance surveymonkey return by **27th May 2022**. Please note the QA Return survey will be issued to practices in April. Instructions on how to submit it will also be issued with the form.

The payment will be made following submission of the completed Practice Quality Assurance Return via the surveymonkey link. (to be issued in due course)

If you have any queries about the Practice Allowance, or the application process, please contact ophthalmic.services@hscni.net

Yours sincerely



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