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**To: All Optometrists and Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: GLAUCOMA SERVICE REFERRALS**  
**(Ophthalmology Referral Pathway Guidance Update)**

.Dear Colleague

Please note that **only Optometry practices in the Belfast LCG area should refer their patients to the Glaucoma Service at the Shankill Wellbeing and Treatment Centre in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.** The Health and Social Care Board have been advised by the Glaucoma Service that any referrals from practices outside the Belfast LCG area which have been sent to the Glaucoma Services in the Belfast Trust will be returned to the referring practice.

If you are working in a practice which is in the **Northern, Southern, South Eastern or Western LCG areas please ensure that you refer to your local ophthalmology service. This guidance applies to both eReferrals via CCG and for hard copy paper referrals which are processed via the GP.**

Please ensure you communicate this information to ALL Optometrists working in our practice, full time, part time and locum. If you have any queries in relation to this referral pathway guidance please contact any one of the HSCB Optometric Clinical Advisers by email: [janice.mccrudden@hscni.net](mailto:janice.mccrudden@hscni.net) | [fiona.north@hscni.net](mailto:fiona.north@hscni.net) | [margaret.mcmullan@hscni.net](mailto:margaret.mcmullan@hscni.net)

Yours sincerely

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