

**FOR ACTION & INFORMATION
TO: ALL NORTHERN LCG OPTOMETRY
PRACTICES**

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Dear GOS Contractor / Optometrist

IMPORTANT REFERRAL PATHWAY INFORMATION

**Electronic Referrals via CCG to ORTHOPTIC SERVICES in the
Northern Health and Social Care Trust .**

As you will be aware up until now Optometry Practices in the Northern LCG area which have access to CCG (eReferral) have had to send paper referrals to the Orthoptic Service in the Northern HSC Trust area.

From July 2017 **Optometry Practices in the Northern LCG area which use the eReferral system** will be able to avail of new eReferral templates for Orthoptic services (both for adult and paediatric referrals). The referral template has been developed to incorporate the essential clinical information which Orthoptic services require to ensure a quality referral. Please note that the boxes which should be completed with the necessary Orthoptic information are located on the **'Refraction Details' tab** in the referral template. These boxes replicate the information on the current paper orthoptic referral pro-forma. **When generating a referral, please ensure that you complete the referral template providing all the necessary clinical information.**

The CCG referral options for Orthoptic Services in the Northern HSC Trust are located under the community services option as outlined below:

- Northern Health and Social Care Trust > Community Services> Orthoptics-Adult
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust > Community Services > Orthoptics-Children

The following screen shots demonstrate where you will find the Orthoptic Referral options and relevant templates. As with all CCG referrals these options also host templates which GP practices will use.

As you know from your experience of sending ophthalmology referrals please only pick the Optometry referral template and not the options that are annotated as 'MDS' or 'Healthy'. These options are NOT for use by referring Optometrists.

Send to:	Northern Health and Social Care Trust
	Northern Health and Social Care Trust Non-GP Locations/Provider
	Northern Trust Community Services
	ORTHOPTICS - ADULT
Protocol:	(Select protocol) Healthy MDS Referral Protocol Healthy Orthoptics - Adult MDS Referral Protocol Orthoptics - Adult

Send to:	Northern Health and Social Care Trust
	Northern Health and Social Care Trust Non-GP Locations/Provider
	Northern Trust Community Services
	ORTHOPTICS - CHILDREN
Protocol:	(Select protocol) Healthy MDS Referral Protocol Healthy Orthoptics - Children MDS Referral Protocol Orthoptics - Children

Please ensure that you disseminate this guidance and information to all optometrists working in your practice; full-time, part-time and locum.

If you have any queries in relation to this guidance and advice please contact any one of the HSCB Optometric Clinical Advisers via email @:
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Thank you for your attention to this matter

Ophthalmic Services

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