

**TO: ALL OPHTHALMIC PRACTITIONERS
BELFAST LCG AREA**

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21st June 2016

Dear Colleague

**RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON PROTOCOLS FOR ORTHOPTIC REFERRALS
WITHIN BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST
(Update on location where referrals should be sent)**

From **1st July 2016** orthoptic referrals in the Belfast Trusts will be centrally managed from Orthoptic Services in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Please ensure that you send your direct OP/OR1 Orthoptic Referrals to:

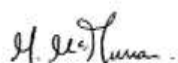
**Orthoptics Services
Eyes and ENT Building
Royal Victoria Hospital
Belfast BT12 6BA**

If you have any queries in relation to the Orthoptic Services in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust please contact:

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The information on the list of Orthoptic Clinics has been updated to reflect this change and the update is available at the Paediatric Eyecare Link on the BSO website <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2699.htm>. Please ensure that you continue to use the OP/OR1 Direct Orthoptic Referral form for all your paediatric orthoptic referrals. The referral form is available in fully writeable PDF format on the BSO website at: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2485.htm>. **Please ensure that you advise ALL OPTOMETRISTS who work in your practice (locum and part time) of this change so that delays in referrals will not occur.** Should you have any queries in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact me using the details noted below.

Yours sincerely



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