

FOR ACTION & INFORMATION

**TO: OPTOMETRY CONTRACTOR
PRACTICES ACCESSING THE
'OPTOMETRY-VIEW' NIECR**

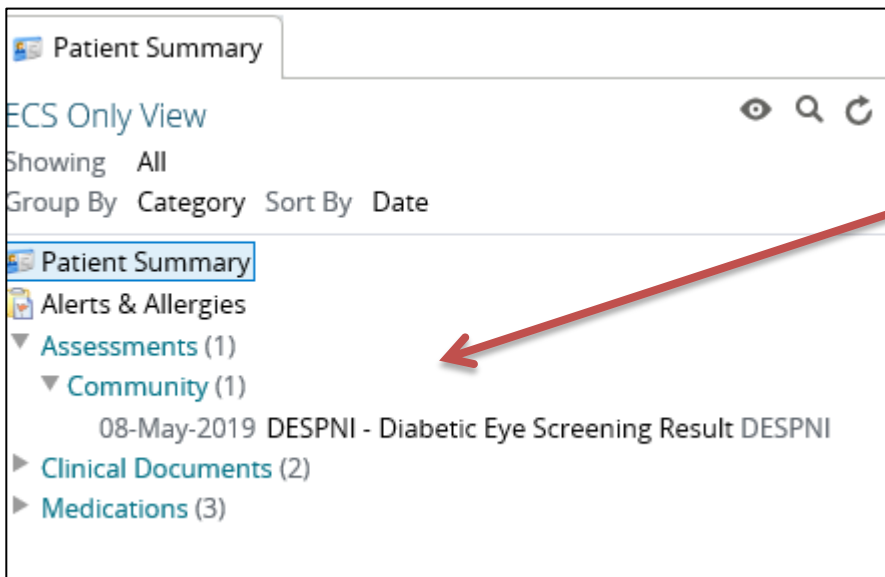
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Dear Colleague

NIECR ** IMPORTANT UPDATE **

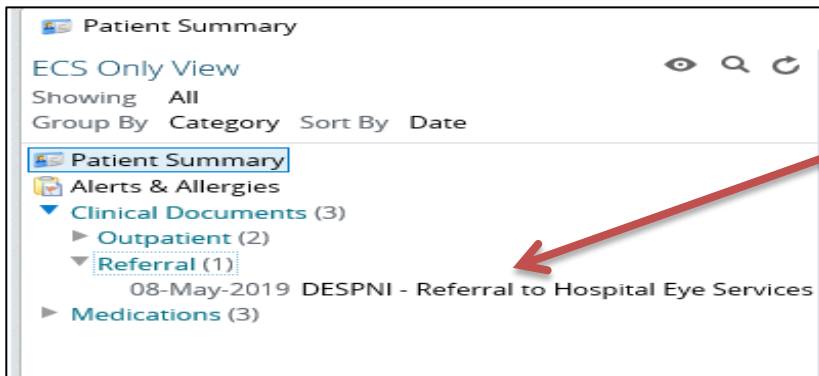
From 20th January 2020 the Optometry-view NIECR will contain additional information from the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme for Northern Ireland (DESPNI).

The report(s) or outcome letter(s) for patients who have attended the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme will now be visible in the 'Assessments' section of the patient's NIECR. Access to the DESPNI reports/letters is demonstrated in the screen shot below.



**NI Diabetic Eye
Screening
Programme
Results
Reports/Letters**

Please note that in addition to screening reports, any referrals which the DESPNI have generated as an outcome of a screening episode (for example a DESPNI referral to Hospital services) will be visible in the 'Referrals' section of the NIECR.



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Optometrists are reminded that NIECR is in place to support direct clinical care for your patients and Ophthalmic Services in the HSCB and the NIECR team in the BSO, trust that you will find this new addition to the NIECR helpful in your clinical practice. Please ensure that you have discussed access to the NIECR with your patient and that you have consent to view their NIECR.

Optometrists can apply for an NIECR account in order to access relevant and medical and other clinical information in relation to their patient, in order to assist in direct patient care. Information and guidance for Optometrists in relation to the governance and application process can be found at the link noted below (or [click here](#)). In addition, training resources and videos are hosted at the link noted below (or [click here](#)).

- NIECR – Information on governance and application process:
[http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/NIECR_Optometrist%20Information_v1%20\(Sept%202018\).pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/NIECR_Optometrist%20Information_v1%20(Sept%202018).pdf)
- NIECR User notes & training videos:
<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2974.htm>

Optometrists are reminded that they should not access their own NIECR

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL OPTOMETRISTS USING NIECR IN YOUR PRACTICE

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact any one of the HSCB Clinical Optometric Advisers who will assist in answering your query:

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Yours sincerely

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