

**FOR ACTION & INFORMATION
TO: OPTOMETRY CONTRACTOR
PRACTICES USING CCG FOR
eREFERRAL**

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Dear Colleague

CCG: **IMPORTANT UPDATE **

From Monday 1st April 2019 a new field will be available on CCG Optometry referral templates to enable Optometrists to annotate if they have performed NI PEARS as an enhanced service and a referral is being generated as a result of the assessment under NI PEARS. This will allow HSC to monitor referral activity as an outcome of NI PEARS which is an important element of the evaluation of the service.

Optometrists are asked to ensure that if NI PEARS has been provided and a referral is required that the relevant service, as demonstrated below is selected in the referral which will be sent. The field for the 'Enhanced Service' is located in the 'Clinical Data' tab as indicated.

The screenshot shows the 'Clinical Data' tab of a referral form. The 'Enhanced Services Performed*' field is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. The selected service is 'NI PEARS'. Other fields visible include 'Main Presenting Complaint', 'Provisional Diagnosis / Presenting Complaint*', 'Additional free-text Information', 'Priority' (set to 'Routine'), 'Date of Onset', and 'Special Needs or Requirements'.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL
OPTOMETRISTS USING eREFERRAL 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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