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THE PRINCIPAL OPTOMETRIST

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Dear Colleague

You will be aware that the Health and Social Care Board have recently completed a review of Ophthalmic Listing, thank you for your engagement during this review process. All General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) providers in Northern Ireland are governed by the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. The information you supplied as a listed GOS contractor was necessary to ensure that regulatory requirements for ophthalmic listing are met. This up to date information will ensure that all GOS contractors align to these requirements.

In order to assist you as a GOS contractor, the Health and Social Care Board have prepared the enclosed guidance document. This document is **not a replacement** for the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (also enclosed), it is a supporting document which cites some of the regulatory issues which you as a listed GOS contractor, are required to have a thorough working knowledge of. Please ensure that you read this guidance in conjunction with the enclosed copy of the GOS Regulations.

Please note that the guidance contains important information on the process/mechanism for notification of changes to the information you have recently provided in relation to your Ophthalmic Listing status, for example, changes to your practice opening hours or clinical staff. It is essential that as a listed GOS contractor you ensure that you understand this regulatory requirement and comply by providing notification of any changes within 14 days.

If you have any queries please contact one of the optometric clinical advisers in your local HSCB office (contact details are noted below).

Yours sincerely



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