

**FOR ACTION & INFORMATION**

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

25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Colleague

**NIECR \*\* IMPORTANT UPDATE \*\***

The NIECR now displays records of patient attendance at the **Macular Service** in Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT). The report(s) or outcome letter(s) for patients who have attended the **Macular Service in WHSCT** will now be visible in the Clinical Documents section under 'Outpatient'. Access to the reports/letters is demonstrated in the screen shot below.

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 are reminded that they should not access their own NIECR\***

NIECR information and training resources are hosted at the following link:  
<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2974.htm>

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

If you have any queries in relation to this information please contact  
[ophthalmic.services@hscni.net](mailto:ophthalmic.services@hscni.net) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Ophthalmic Services

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