

**FOR ACTION & INFORMATION
TO: ALL OPTOMETRY PRACTICES**

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Dear GOS Contractor / Principal Optometrist

OPHTHALMOLOGY REFERRALS – NORTHERN HSC TRUST

Further to correspondence of 28th March 2017 advising of changes to the CCG referrals for Ophthalmology to Antrim Area Hospital in the Northern HSC Trust area, this letter is to clarify the new options available to you for your patients who may normally have accessed Ophthalmology services in the Mid Ulster Hospital.

From 27th October 2017 new CCG Referral destinations for Ophthalmology services will be added to CCG listed under the Mid Ulster Hospital option within Northern Health and Social Care Trust. Ophthalmology services will triage these referrals accordingly and will allocate where appropriate to the Mid Ulster Hospital Ophthalmology Service. The screen shot below demonstrates the location on CCG for these new destinations.

The screenshot shows a 'New Referral' form with the following fields:

- My Favourites:** (Select favourite) dropdown
- Send to:** Three dropdown menus:
 - Northern Health and Social Care Trust
 - Northern Health and Social Care Trust Non-GP Locations/Provider
 - Mid Ulster Hospital (highlighted with a blue arrow)
- Protocol:** A dropdown menu with the following options:
 - (Please select)
 - OPHTHALMOLOGY - CATARACT
 - OPHTHALMOLOGY - GENERAL
 - OPHTHALMOLOGY - GLAUCOMA SERVICE
 - OPHTHALMOLOGY - MACULAR
 - OPTOMETRY - CONTACT LENS
 - OPTOMETRY - LOW VISION

A blue box on the right side of the form contains the text: **NEW CCG DESTINATION FROM 27/10/2017**, with a blue arrow pointing to the 'Mid Ulster Hospital' option in the 'Send to' dropdown.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL OPTOMETRISTS WORKING IN YOUR PRACTICE (Full Time, Part Time and Locum)

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact any one of the HSCB optometric clinical advisers who will assist in answering your query

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