

Optometry Practice Newsletter

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Welcome to the autumn edition of the HSC Board’s optometry newsletter. In this edition you will find what we hope are interesting and valuable updates on primary eyecare, and how service delivery sits within wider health and social care.

As extended roles are rolled out, the article on infection control gives a timely reminder on the risks and the optometrist’s role in managing that risk. Of course, should harm, or potential for harm, ensue in any aspect of practice it is important that we learn from the occurrence, and the piece on adverse incidents gives useful general guidance, exemplified by a particular recent example.

An update on eReferral via CCG reminds referrers to ensure that referrals are submitted and not left “in progress”, and also advises that, with optometrists increasingly being the first port of call for primary eyecare, and with an electronic referral solution to hand, paper referral via the patient’s GP may not add value, may lead to confusion and delays, and is increasingly being questioned by GP colleagues. HSC Board would encourage the minority of practitioners who use a paper route to get on board with the HSC portal for all the practice, system, and patient benefits that accrue. Ophthalmic Services clinical and business advisers will be happy to help with any late adopters.

This edition also includes information on how to satisfy the important requirements for enhanced service provision re-accreditation. Please note, this requirement is detailed in the relevant service specifications, and is a mandatory stipulation for continued provision.

Finally, and with apologies for straying into B-word territory, HSC has issued a series of communications on the impact of EU Exit on healthcare business continuity. These communications were sent to your HSC email account, and can be accessed here: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/eu-exit>.

Happy reading.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Curran', is placed above a horizontal line.

Raymond Curran, Head of Ophthalmic Services

Infection Control in Your Practice

Infection control has always been important for both the safety of patient and practitioner alike. According to the Dept of Health, the term “health care associated infections” (HCAI’s) encompasses any infection by any infectious agent acquired as a consequence of a person’s treatment under the NHS or which is acquired by workers in the course of their duties. The prevention and control of HCAI’s must be everyone’s priority. It is equally important for healthcare providers in the independent and voluntary sectors (Dept of Health 2008a The Health Act 2006: code of practice for the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections. Gateway- ref 9286. Available at www.dh.gov.uk).

Under health and safety legislation employers are responsible for ensuring that workplace hazards are identified, and appropriate precautions are taken to protect against them. This includes protecting the practitioner from unnecessary infection.

One of our key clinical priorities is to protect our patients, visitors and staff from the risk of these health care associated infections. For example having appropriate hand hygiene measures in place, ensuring that contact lens solutions are in date and opened bottles are replaced regularly (this is facilitated when either the date on which they are opened or, better, the date by which they must be discarded is written on them) and having appropriate decontamination procedures for ophthalmic equipment that is not disposable, including having appropriate procedures for decontaminating surfaces such as slit-lamp chin and forehead rests and visual field equipment, and ensuring that the clinical areas are clean and tidy. Once these procedures have been put in place, contractors should ensure that all staff are trained appropriately.

Intact skin is an effective barrier against many infections entering the body. It is therefore important that any cuts are covered with a waterproof dressing. Skin should also be dried properly and hand cream used if necessary to avoid cracked skin which may become infected.

The main weapon against infection transmission is good hand hygiene. This is recognised by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) in its ‘cleanyourhands’ campaign (www.npsa.nhs.uk/cleanyourhands/).

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has produced guidelines for preventing HCAs in primary and community care. Be mindful that jewellery, nail polish and long nails are an infection risk as they can harbour micro-organisms and made effective hand washing very difficult. Overview | Infection prevention and control | Quality standards | NICE <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs61>

As well as passing infection from one patient to another via the practitioner, practitioners should also be aware of the dangers of contracting or transmitting infections directly from or to their patients. Practitioners who know they have an infectious disease should take additional care not to infect their patients, and those who examine patients who are known to be infectious should similarly consider taking additional precautions.

Microorganisms may attach themselves to droplets emitted by a sneeze or cough, or to particles of dust from the environment. It is therefore important to ensure that the environment is kept clean and free from dust as much as possible. Most of the waste that optometrists produce is unlikely to be an infection hazard, however optometrists should ensure that they have appropriate disposal arrangements in place.

Summary

All optometrists and practice staff have a responsibility to themselves, their patients and colleagues to control infection as much as is practicable. Such procedures need not be onerous and need to be embedded into practice protocols. This is becoming more important as optometry takes on more extended roles and are seeing patients who have had recent surgery or potentially have eye infections.

The College of Optometrist's website also has information and articles that may assist you, Optometry in Practice; <https://www.collegeoptometrists.org/oip-resource/infection-control-in-optometric-practice-.html> article is particularly informative.

Save the Date Autumn 2019

The autumn afternoon CET event will be Tuesday 22nd October 2019. The venue will be Lough Neagh Discovery Centre to try and assist those coming from the West and also to ensure continued value for money for HSCB/BSO. This is the reason we don't use hotels etc. as there is a requirement to ensure health service funds are used appropriately. It is hoped to run a peer discussion session and a lecture covering binocular vision matters.

Full details and booking arrangements will follow closer to the time, but mark it in your diary to save the day. Do not forget to let your colleagues know.

Learning from Optometry Adverse Incidents

The need for continued learning and reflection for health care professionals is well recognised and evidenced.

Often we focus on learning as the knowledge which we gain from academic literature, studies, lectures and other avenues; but other areas of clinical practice provide important learning – such as the learning from adverse events or incidents. In every day clinical practice a significant volume of patient and professional interactions take place and within this body of work mistakes arise, some of which have the potential for adverse effects and harm.

When an adverse incident occurs it is important that it is recognised and acted upon – sometimes this requires direct communication with the patient (and their carers/family) and fundamentally it requires a health care professional to apply their [Duty of Candour](#) in that situation. Candour means that we are open and honest when things have gone wrong and offer an apology.

Please [click here](#) for access to the General Optical Council's information on Duty of Candour or view on the website at www.optical.org

Adverse Incident Reporting

What learning will you take from the following recently reported Optometry Adverse Incident (AI).....?

An adverse incident came to the attention of the HSCB earlier this year involving the provision of an incorrect prescription and spectacles to a child with special needs and specific ophthalmic considerations. The child attended his routine, annual hospital appointment and was found to be 'under-performing' in his glasses and struggling with his vision. On investigation it was noted that the child was wearing a minus (myopic) prescription instead of an equivalent plus (hypermetropic) prescription resulting in a total refractive 'under-correction' of over 3 dioptres. This combined with the fact that the child was a bifocal wearer because of low accommodation generated a significant blur for the child across the full range of distances.

Q: What went wrong?

The patient's prescription had been communicated via a telephone call from another optometry practice where they had received spectacles approx. 4 months previously, the prescription was noted incorrectly and with spectacles made up to the incorrect RX.

It is difficult in situations to quantify the impact of this for the patient but it is important to admit and acknowledge that the patient was adversely affected.

Q: Did the practice act correctly and appropriately on notification of the incident?

Yes, after the incident came to light the practice followed the appropriate governance processes – discussing the incident with the HSCB clinical adviser, investigating the incident, completing the adverse incident report and engaging with the patient and their parent(s). An apology was also offered to the patient and the parent(s) and this apology was accepted.

Q. What can we learn from this?

- The importance of ensuring that a prescription, whether prescribed within the practice or, by an optometrist from another practice or, issued from a HSC setting (e.g. a hospital optometrist) is accurately recorded and double checked for accuracy.
- It is not recommended that prescription details are issued over the telephone due to increased risk of recording errors. *(If you are a member please refer to College of Optometrist and AOP advice in respect of prescriptions).*
- The importance of considering any patient notes and details of previous prescriptions which may exist relating to a patient, even if they have not been attended for some time and have now presented to the practice.
- The opportunity to check the patient’s NIECR for any clinic notes/outcome letters which may exist and which may be relevant to the care you are providing.
- The importance of sharing the learning from incidents with all staff in the practice, not just optometric colleagues. Everyone who works in the practice plays a part in the ‘patient journey’ and it is important that an inclusive approach is taken to sharing of information on incidents and the learning from these.

**Mistakes
+
Actions to
Correct
=
Learning**

In consideration of mistakes there is always an opportunity to review, reflect and learn something and apply and share that learning within your clinical practice.... MISTAKE = Means I Start To Acquire Knowledge Experience Skills

CCG eReferral: Update



As of the end of August, 236 /271 Optometry contractor practices have been enabled to use CCG for their referrals to secondary care. At the end of July 2019 approx. 30,000 referrals had been sent via CCG. CCG eReferral affords safe and efficient transfer of patient referrals with the immediate assurance that the Health and Social Care Trust have received the referral when the status of “Submitted” is noted against the referral.

Optometrists are reminded to please not use the CCG system to send “updates” to a Health & Social Care Trust about a patient whom you have previously referred but who may still be awaiting an appointment. If you have an update on a patient whom you have previously referred this should be communicated directly with the HSCT (Ophthalmology administration) and NOT via CCG.

PLEASE NOTE & REMEMBER:

- To ensure that your referrals have a status of “submitted” and are not held in the CCG worklist for the practice with an “In Progress” status. It is the responsibility of optometrists to ensure that referrals have been submitted in a timely manner and that the status of “Submitted” is recorded against the referral. Please click here or, follow the link below to read the CCG guidance which was issued (hosted at item 17) and all other relevant CCG communications for Optometrists
<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2767.htm>
- If you work in more than one Optometry contractor practice you must only use the CCG account which has been established for you for that practice.
- As an individual, if you require a new CCG user account for a practice that you do not have an account for it is the responsibility of the contractor/practice owner to request the account using the notification of change process.
- **All IT queries** relating to CCG accounts (e.g. password resets etc....) should be directed to the IT Help desk at supportteam@hscni.net or, by telephone to 028 9536 2400.

Increasingly GP practices are questioning why an Optometrist has not used CCG to send their own referrals and some GP practices are returning paper referrals which have been sent by an optometrist. As the contractor for the practice and if this situation arises, you will need to contact the GP practice to explain why a paper referral was sent and CCG was not used.

It is important that if you have locum optometrists in your practice that you plan ahead and arrange for them to have access to CCG when working in your practice. CCG accounts for all new optometrists in your practice can be requested using the ‘notification of change to ophthalmic listing’ web-form on the home page of the FPS Optometry portal.

Please complete the relevant section on “new” staff and tick the box that indicates a CCG account is required.

Similarly it is vital that you advise the HSCB of any optometrists that have ‘left’ your practice, no longer working there and therefore their CCG account for your practice needs to be de-activated. Notifications of optometrists who have ‘left’ your practice are submitted using the same ‘notification of change to ophthalmic listing’ web-form and completing the staff “leavers” section of that form.

As the Health and Social Care Trusts progress developments in relation to electronic Triage, NIECR and other necessary IT work to streamline patient pathways it is ESSENTIAL that HSC know who is working where to allow referrals to be correctly managed through the various IT applications. **

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU NOTIFY HSCB OF ANY CHANGES TO OPTOMETRY STAFF IN YOUR PRACTICE AS SOON AS IS POSSIBLE. THIS APPLIES TO NEW STAFF AND STAFF WHO HAVE LEFT – FULL TIME, PART-TIME AND LOCUM **

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILING OF THE FACILITY OF eREFERRAL AND WISH TO ACCESS IT PLEASE CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE HSCB CLINICAL ADVISERS WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE ADVICE & TRAINING IN THE USE OF THE SYSTEM

Monday & Tuesday:
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Tuesday /Wednesday & alt Friday AM:
fiona.north@hscni.net 07900 260752 / 028 9536 3347

Tuesday /Wednesday / Thurs AM/ Friday:
margaret.mcmullan@hscni.net 07900 260312 / 028 9536 3239

Personal Development and Continued Education – opportunities and avenues to explore



Lifelong learning and continued personal development is a central tenet of all health care professionals and is something which is increasingly accessible.

DOECT as a provider of online CET multimedia learning, which is free of charge, for all GOC-registered optometrists, has a wide range of education and training opportunities which can be easily accessed.

To view these and the full range of multimedia courses visit docet.info. 28 CET points are available, covering all the required optometry and many IP competencies.

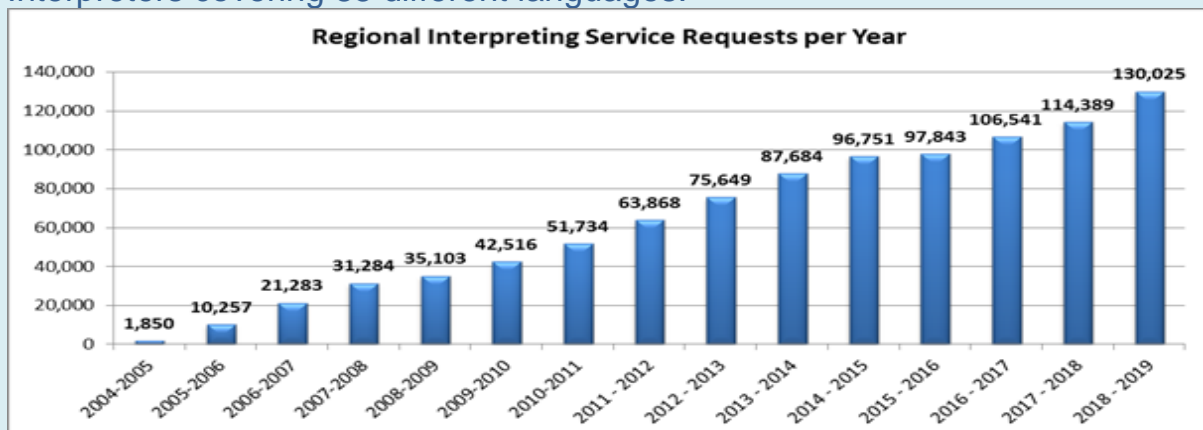
- [Webinar: Acute red eye in contact lens wearers](#) Wednesday, 16 October 2019 7.30-8.30pm presented by Mr Damian Lake with live Q&A session. One interactive CET point applied for
- [Contact lens series](#) – includes fitting and aftercare and fitting astigmatic patients
- [Modern Imaging in Eye Care](#), covers image capture and storage, digital cameras, SLO and OCT
- Podcast – [Advances in eyecare: developments in maintaining ocular health](#)
- [Examining Patients with Learning Disabilities](#), provides optometrists with patient management insights

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HSC Interpreting Services: A Success Story....

The HSC Regional Interpreting Service (RIS) reached 1 million requests on 6 June 2019. RIS was launched in 2004 to provide region-wide face to face interpreting services to the 5 HSC Trusts, Primary Care and other HSC providers in Northern Ireland.

The RIS in-house team consists of 9 Staff who process in the region of 2,500 requests per week – over 98% of which are successfully fulfilled. The most requested RIS languages include Polish, Arabic, Lithuanian, Romanian, Portuguese, Bulgarian, Tetum, Slovak, Mandarin and Cantonese. RIS currently manages a central Register of 350 trained, self-employed, sessional Interpreters covering 35 different languages.



The Interpreting Service wish to thank everyone for their continued support, and look forward to continuing this excellent work in the future.

!! IMPORTANT.....

Please note that the MOS and guidance in relation to Interpreting Services will soon be updated, and will be available from the MOS library at the following location <http://www.hsrbusiness.hscni.net/services/2377.htm>
In July 2019 all Optometry contractors were sent information on their access codes to the telephone interpreting service (The Big Word), please ensure that you retain these access codes in your practice for use as required.

Good News on an Ophthalmic Public Health Initiative

In late March 2018 the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) issued a call to all ophthalmic contractors and individual optometrists for expressions of interest in an opportunity to raise awareness of the link between vision and falls.

Thank you to the optometrists who responded to the call and to the eight optometrists who have agreed to be part of this initiative. Working in collaboration with the Public Health Agency and three local city councils the HSCB and the eight optometrists have committed to an upcoming programme of “Vision and Falls” awareness talks taking place between September 2019 and March 2020 and spanning the Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas.

The eight optometrists have received CET accredited training from the HSCB and will deliver talks to many voluntary and community groups on the importance of vision and the evidenced link between vision and falls. They will provide valuable ‘take home messages’ to attendees and members of the groups on the importance of eye health, the causes and risk factors for visual impairment, the link between vision and falls and how the risk of falling can be minimised and managed where eyes are concerned.

HSCB hope to provide feedback on this excellent project, a first for Optometry, when the programme of talks is completed.

Thank you once again to the Optometrists taking part in this worthwhile and important piece of work 😊

Eglinton Eyecare nominated for national award

Local Opticians Eglinton Eyecare have been nominated for a national award by the Optical industry. The practice is one of only four in the UK to be nominated for Marketing Campaign of the Year at the annual SightCare Awards. The winners will be announced at an exclusive ceremony on 16th September in Telford, at the annual SightCare Business & Networking Conference, the largest gathering of independent practices in the UK.

The Marketing Campaign of the Year award acknowledges a creative marketing campaign which has increased awareness in the local community. Eglinton Eyecare was selected for the success of its ongoing children's eye health campaign, which was created to raise awareness locally about the importance of regular eye exams for children. The practice employed a range of marketing techniques to help them communicate the value of good eye health to schools and families in the area.

Some of the initiatives the practice team were commended for include their interactive workshops at local schools, their informative parents' leaflet, an interactive workbook for children, a social media campaign and school colouring competitions.

The SightCare Awards is the premier independent business awards, recognising the best independent Opticians from the length and breadth of the UK. Through the SightCare competition, independent practitioners and their staff enter learning initiatives and independent business content in various categories for recognition of excellence. Finalists are selected by a group of experienced judges and, from that group of finalists, one winner from each category is awarded.

"We believe strongly that no child should be disadvantaged in school or in their ability to learn as a result of uncorrected vision," said Jean Kelly, Owner and Optometrist at Eglinton Eyecare. "We feel as a local healthcare provider that it is our responsibility to improve awareness and ensure that every child is able to reach their full potential at school and beyond. As a practice, we are absolutely thrilled to be recognised by SightCare for our work in this area and we are looking forward to the awards ceremony later this month."

The SightCare Awards was designed and developed in partnership with the SightCare Advisory Board. The judging panel comprises experienced professionals working in the independent optical sector.

Eglinton Eyecare, established in 2005 and led by local Optometrist Jean Kelly, are a multi award winning Opticians practice based in Eglinton, Co Derry. Due to their commitment to their local community, as well as their dedication to continually improve to deliver excellence in customer service and their expertise in children’s eye care, they have won several National Awards. The practice offers the Eyeplan eye care scheme to make the highest quality eye care and eyewear more accessible. More information can be found at www.eglintoneyecare.com.

Picture caption: Eglinton Eyecare has been nominated for Marketing Campaign of the Year at the SightCare Awards. Left to right: Jean Kelly, Owner and Optometrist and Claire Buchanan, Practice Manager.



Note for Editors

For more information on the SightCare Awards please visit www.sightcare.co.uk/awards-2019.

Enhanced Services 2019 re-accreditation

If you are an optometrist accredited to provide Ophthalmic Enhanced Services, such as NI PEARS or LES II Enhanced Glaucoma & OHT Enhanced Case Finding, it is a requirement of the service specification that YOU MUST attend an annual CPD session relating to this particular service.

Training sessions for NIPEARS & LES II have been scheduled below:

NI PEARS

“ Mandatory PEARS training – Eye Casualty Case Reviews”

Date/Time	Monday 16th September 2019
Time	3:30pm
Location	Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast, BT12 5AD
Guest Speaker	Dr Katie Graham, Specialist Optometrist

Please Note: If you attended any of the training events below then you DO NOT need to attend the above course.

- *Western ECHO 18th June 2019 - Interactive Learning - EYE CASUALTY- WHAT TO REFER*
- *College of Optometrists event at Stormont on 11th April 2019 (send CET screenshot to Scott Drummond as evidence of attendance)*
- *Red Eye – Allergic or Dry Eye Disease talk given by Dr Maria Elena Gregory at Greenmount on 30th April 2019*

LES II - Enhanced Glaucoma & OHT Enhanced Case Finding SLT – WHO, WHY AND HOW” – The LIGHT Study.

Date/Time	Wednesday 25th September 2019
Time	3:30pm
Location	Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast, BT12 5AD
Guest Speaker	Dr Maeve Lagan, Consultant Ophthalmologist BHSCT

LES II - Enhanced Glaucoma & OHT Enhanced Case Finding “ GLAUCOMA REFERRALS AUDIT- ARE WE GETTING IT RIGHT?”

Date/Time	Friday 18th October 2019
Time	3:30pm
Location	Main Royal Victoria Hospital, Sir Samuel Irwin Lecture Theatre
Guest Speaker	Dr Joanne Logan – Dep Head of Dept, Optometry Dept, BHSCT

Please Note : If you attended any of the training events below then you DO NOT need to attend any of the LES II sessions above.

- *Western ECHO 15th January 2019 – Glaucoma: Fields and Discs*

In order to book a slot please contact scott.drummond@hscni.net 0289536 2840

Ophthalmic Research – You can help and contribute *Myopia Research Trial: Help with recruitment*

In the [March 2019 issue](#) of the HSCB Optometry Newsletter ([click here](#) to access) you were advised of the CHAMP Study on Myopia and the involvement of Professor Augusto Azuara-Blanco from Queens University Belfast who is leading a new NIHR funded multi-centre trial funded by NIHR comparing low dose atropine eye-drops (0.01%) with placebo for the control of myopia progression in children.

Although to date approximately 30 children have been enrolled in the study, Professor Azuara-Blanco and his research team require more children with myopia for participation in the trial. The inclusion criteria are:

- Age 6-12 years
- Myopia of -0.5D or greater (spherical equivalent refractive error) in both eyes
- No other ocular morbidities (i.e., good vision with correction)

Professor Azuara-Blanco would be very grateful if you could give consideration to the trial when examining children in your practice who fulfil the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the research; in brief

- Children will need to use drops daily for 2 years.
- Allocation is 2:1 (twice as many children will have atropine than placebo).
- Children will need to have a research visit at NI Clinical Research Facility (NICRF) in Belfast every 6 months, for 2 years.
- They will continue to attend your practice for prescription glasses

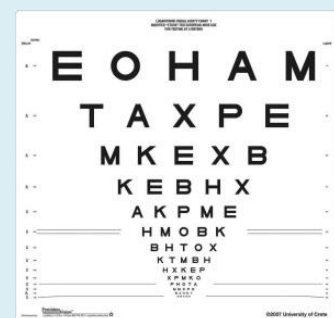
A small remuneration is available per child recruited in the trial to the referring optometrist. If parents want to have more information, and arrange directly an appointment for further discussion with the research team, they can phone the NICRF office at: 028 9504 0342 or directly email Emma McConnell, research optometrist at E.McConnell@qub.ac.uk

Professor Azuara-Blanco and his team greatly appreciate your help with recruitment for this study, thank you.

Practice Allowance and Equipment Grant

In 2018/19 HSC Board was in a position to use a proportion of the GOS budget to facilitate two funded initiatives to practices.

The **Practice Allowance** was in recognition of the additional administration required of practices when implementing the Enhanced Services and e-health initiatives e.g. CCG e-referral. Payment of the Allowance was conditional on the practice submitting their 2018/19 Quality Assurance return and 200 practices received the allowance. It is anticipated that the Practice Allowance will be offered again in 2019/20.





The **Revenue Grant Scheme** was available to support the purchase of specific items of equipment, training or to make certain physical adaptations to practices to assist in the provision of enhanced services e.g. BIO lenses, Logmar crowded acuity tests, Professional Certificate in glaucoma. The grant only became available late in the year when it was known that a small slippage was anticipated in the

GOS budget and it is appreciated that this late availability limited some practices in how they were able to make use of the scheme. However, 171 practices claimed the grant, totalling around £110K and feedback has indicated that it has made a positive impact on the provision of clinical services in a significant number of practices.

One practice owner who received the grant was Ursula Weber of Family Eyecare in Castlederg who commented “I used the grant to purchase a digital wide-field lens which I find fabulous to use. I wouldn’t have considered getting the lens without the grant as I had other more pressing priorities this year.”

Consideration of how a similar grant scheme may be used this year, if it became available, is currently being discussed and the optometric advisers welcome suggestions from practices. However, it will again not be known until much later in the year whether it will be available, so practices should not make purchases in anticipation of funding being provided but should keep the scheme in mind. Please keep an eye on all HSCB correspondence sent to your practice.

GOS Update

New guidance: two MOSs have been issued to practices in the last few weeks providing update guidance on Universal Credit and exemption issues. All practice staff are encouraged to read the guidance thoroughly so that they may advise patients appropriately.



MOS 237 Universal Credit and Help with Health Costs

Guidance on Universal Credit and advise that patients on Universal Credit are not automatically entitled to Help with Health Costs e.g. a GOS eye examination but must apply for assistance using an HSC1 form and should present the response, an HC2 (full help) or HC3 (partial help) as evidence to the practice.

MOS 328 Guidance on Patient Exemption

General guidance on exemptions, highlighting the responsibility of practice staff to indicate to patients what benefits entitle people to Help with Health Costs but not to direct patients as to which benefit/eligibility criteria may apply to them; that decision is the patients responsibility.

Updated Help with Health Costs information – leaflets etc was issued with this MOS and practices are encouraged to display this information and direct patients to it.

OPHTHALMIC CLAIMS SYSTEM: Enhanced Services

Practices are reminded that only the Enhanced Service NIPEARS claims may currently be submitted online via OCE. Claims for LESI, LES II and OHT monitoring must still be submitted on paper to BSO. While the LES 1 function is visible on the OCS system it is not fully functional and practices are asked not to use it. The OCS system is currently being updated and all Enhanced Services claims should be available on OCS within the next 3-6 months when the update is complete.

There are many benefits to using the Ophthalmic Portal; as well as access to the online claiming process, OCS, it gives access to HSC emails, CCG e referral and NIECR, the electronic care record. Any practice not yet using OCS who would like to find out about accessing the Ophthalmic Portal and OCS please contact the BSO e business team telephone: 028 95 3637561 or 028 95 363681 and speak to Marc or Colin or speak to one of the optometric advisers.

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OPTOMETRIC CET EVENT

Tuesday 22 October 2019

Lough Neagh Discovery Centre Conference Facilities,
Oxford Island, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 6NJ

1.00 pm – 1.30 pm Registration

CHAIR: Janice McCrudden

Autumn CET Session

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm **Binocular Vision cases & How to manage these patients and when to refer**

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1 OO Point

Ms Rukshana McCann
Specialist Orthoptist, SEHSCT

2.30 pm – 2.40pm

CHAMP-UK Awareness

Information Session

Ms Ruth Hogg

2.40 pm – 3.00 pm **Tea/Coffee & Sandwiches**

3.00 pm – 4.45 pm

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3 OO Points

Interactive Peer Discussion – Refer or not

Mr Simon Bond

Specialist Optometrist, BHSCT

4.45 pm – 5.00 pm

HSCB/BSO update

Information Session

4 CET points for Optometrists have been approved by the GOC

Closing date: 8 October 2019

Please ensure you book early because places are limited due to both the venue restrictions and the fact that the session with Simon Bond will be an interactive peer discussion.

Numbers for this CET event will be restricted to 100 max.

BOOKING FORM

OPTOMETRIC CET EVENT

Tuesday 22 October 2019

**Lough Neagh Discovery Centre Conference Facilities,
Oxford Island NNR, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 6NJ**

This course is for Optometric Practitioners, Ophthalmic Medical Practitioners and Dispensing Opticians enrolled for GOS in NI. Pre-Registration Optometric students currently employed in Optometric practice within Northern Ireland are also eligible to attend but do not collect CET points.

4 General CET points have been approved by the GOC for Optometrists

Please complete the details below to attend the CET event:-

Name: _____

NI GOS Personal Code: _____

Email address: _____

GOC No: _____

Tea/Coffee and Sandwiches will be served after the first lecture.
Please inform the BSO of any food allergies for catering purposes.

Closing date: 8 October 2019

**PLACES AT THE COURSE WILL BE LIMITED DUE TO SEATING CAPACITY
AND THE INTERACTIVE PEER DISCUSSION.
EARLY BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED.**

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