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To all Ophthalmic Contractors

19 June 2024

**Primary Care Optometry Post-Operative Cataract Care Service and Pathway**

Dear Colleague

It is now confirmed that the Primary Care Post-Operative Cataract Review and Assessment Service will commence in July 2024.

It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the service is provided in their practice in line with the service specification issued with this letter. Please read the service specification carefully and share it with the individual optometrist(s) who will be providing the service in your practice.

**Actions Required**

1. Ensure that you have included this service in your annual Optometry Contractor Enhanced/Supplementary service declaration.
2. Complete the Contractor Agreement Form via MS Forms: <https://forms.office.com/e/hR1xrB9bmF>.
3. Individual practitioners must also complete an agreement form via MS Forms: <https://forms.office.com/e/i8qPXt9hvn>. This includes a check to ensure that any optometrist providing this service has completed the appropriate training (currently this is the WOPEC Cataract Module) **and** is aware of the operational aspects of this service in regard to submission of claims and the reporting of outcomes via the Clinical Communications Gateway (CCG).
4. Ensure all practitioners providing the service in your practice have access to NIECR, EpicCare Link and CCG e referral.

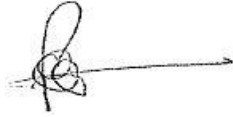
A webinar has been arranged for **Tuesday 25 June 2024 14.00-15.15**. This webinar will be led by Prof Julie Silvestri, Clinical Director for Ophthalmology BHSC and supported by Ms Janice McCrudden, SPPG Optometric Clinical Adviser. The session will provide important information on the service to be provided, referral pathways for patients with post-operative complications, and how to submit your reports and claims accurately. Book via

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9218349906642062684>

All SPPG communications in respect of this service will be issued to contractor practice HSCNI email accounts (or agreed alternative email address held by the SPPG).

Should you have any queries, please contact [ophthalmic.services@hscni.net](mailto:ophthalmic.services@hscni.net).

Yours sincerely

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