

**FOR ACTION & INFORMATION**  
**TO: ALL GOS CONTRACTORS AND**  
**OPTOMETRISTS WORKING IN PRACTICE**  
**SOUTHERN LCG AREA**  
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Dear GOS Contractor

## **CCG REFERRALS: ORTHOPTIC SERVICE REFERRALS – SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST AREA**

From Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 the following additions will be applied to CCG referrals to Orthoptic Services. From this date optometrists who have CCG user accounts in GOS contractors/practices that are enabled for CCG will be able to refer to Orthoptic Services in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust. As with other secondary care ophthalmology specialties there are dedicated CCG OPTOMETRY referral protocols.

### **1. SEPARATE REFERRAL PROTOCOLS FOR ADULT AND PAEDIATRIC ORTHOPTIC REFERRALS**

Please note that separate Optometry referral protocols for adult and paediatric orthoptic services are listed in the drop down list:

- Orthoptics – Adult
- Orthoptics – Children

Under these two options Optometrists will find the relevant referral protocols – ending in ‘For Optometry use’. Optometrists must ensure that they only use these protocols and not those for use by GPs (i.e. **Optometrists should NOT use or complete the MDS and Healthy MDS Options**)

### **2. REFERRAL DESTINATIONS**

Following agreement with HSCT representatives, please note the following destinations on CCG where you can generate CCG referrals to Orthoptic Services

- **Southern Health and Social Care Trust = CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL OPTOMETRISTS WORKING IN YOUR PRACTICE AND USING CCG TO GENERATE REFERRALS TO THE ORTHOPTIC SERVICE – FULL TIME, PART TIME OR LOCUM OPTOMETRISTS.**

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact any one of the HSCB Clinical Optometric Advisers who will assist in answering your query:

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