

Dear Primary Care Optometrist

**Have you had a client fall or nearly fall?
Do you encounter clients who are at risk of falling?**

There is an innovative Falls Service within the Belfast Trust.

Let me introduce you to the Community Falls Prevention and Management Service. This multidisciplinary service aims to provide timely, multifactorial falls assessments and tailored interventions programme (see information enclosed) to clients:

- Aged 65 or above
- Resident in the Belfast Trust area
- With history of falls/near falls OR who have a fear of falling.

The service accepts referrals from Optometrists, so simply review the checklist and refer to the service by the following route:

1. If you have access to CCG please complete the CCG template and refer via the following destination:

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust >> Musgrave Park Hospital >> Geriatric Falls Community AHP/Nurse-led Service

** Please select 'MDS Referral Protocol' and when generating your referral you can either attach a scan of the "Falls Checklist" or, simply add the checklist information to the referral in the 'additional free text information' box. In the referrer details tab please select 'Healthcare Professional' in the referred by option – see below.*

Demoographics Referral

General Referral Protocol (vR15.2)

Nature of Request* (Not Specified) ▾

Referred By* Healthcare Professional ▾

2. If you do not have access to CCG please scan and submit the checklist / referral via email to: FallsServices@belfasttrust.hscni.net

For further information on the service please contact the team via telephone on **02895 047656** or on the email above. We look forward to working in partnership with you to help reduce the risk of falls.

Yours Sincerely,

Éamonn Doherty

Éamonn Doherty, Community Falls Co-ordinator.